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The men's basketball team is 15-3, but a great deal of attention has focused on a violation of NCAA rules.

Alumnus violated NCAA rules by paying admissions deposits

by Ian Mandel '06
Senior Editor

A Hamilton alumnus who paid the admissions deposits for two freshman basketball players violated National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules, leading the College to launch an investigation and ultimately self-report the violation to NCAA, Hamilton officials confirmed this week.

Men's basketball player Tsakane Ngobeni '07 identified those two players as Ramunas Rozgys '09 and Vuyo Mandela '09, who both played their high school ball with Ngobeni and Giorgi Chavleishvili '08 at Saint Annes-Belfield School in Charlottesville, Virginia.

College officials first became aware that the alumnus paid the deposits in late January 2005 after both students were admitted Early Decision. College officials claim both students had a prior relationship with that alumnus, leading them to believe the deposit payments were in accordance with NCAA rules.

"We originally knew that the deposits from these two individuals came in from an alumn. We checked it out at that point and thought at that time, because this alumn had a prior relationship with the students that predated their interest in Hamilton, that this was OK," explained Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Monica Inzer.

"When we received the deposits, we talked with the NCAA immediately, but we didn't think there was a violation at the time," added Executive Director of Communications Mike Debraggio. "But in subsequent conversations with the NCAA we began to think otherwise."

According to Debraggio,

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Four candidates remain in search for Dean of Faculty

by Emma Furman '07
Editor-in-Chief

The search committee for the new Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of the Faculty announced the finalists for the position yesterday afternoon. The four finalists, William M. Spellman, Pamela J. Gunter-Smith, Joseph R. Urgo and Timothy R. Austin, will each be visiting campus in the coming two weeks to meet with students, faculty, staff and administration and conduct their final interviews.

Students are encouraged to be active participants in the decision process by sending feedback regarding the candidates to the e-mail address "DFsearch" as well as attending open meetings that will be held with each of the candidates.

According to the search committee chair and Professor of Biology Patrick Reynolds about 25 students have been selected to meet with each candidate privately as well. He stressed that the e-mail address for feedback has been created so that students could be actively involved in the process of selecting the new dean. "I encourage people to provide [President Stewart] with their opinions," said Reynolds.

Following the interviews and meetings, as well as review by President Stewart of all feedback sent to the aforementioned website, Stewart will make the final decision regarding a new Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of the Faculty. She described the ideal candidate for the position: "We are seeking a dean with the necessary wisdom and passion for the liberal arts to guide the faculty and lead the division of academic affairs."

William M. Spellman is currently the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. He received a Ph.D. in Early Modern British History from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University in 1986. Spellman attended Suffolk University in Boston for his undergraduate degree and also has a masters from Syracuse in colonial american history.

He has published eight books, the most recent of which is titled "A Concise History of the World Since 1945" and was published this year. He has also co-edited two books and written several published articles.

Spellman expressed a deep interest in "strengthening the interdisciplinary character of undergraduate curriculum" were he to be selected to fill the dean's position. He spoke of the importance of "highlighting the connections between disciplines" and mentioned that he has been working on doing the same at his current institution.

The open meeting with Spellman will be held on Tuesday, February 7 at 4:15 p.m. in the KJ Auditorium.

Pamela J. Gunter-Smith is presently the Porter Professor of Physiology at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. She received her undergraduate degree in biology from Spelman College in 1973 and her Ph.D. in physiology from Emory University in Atlanta in 1973. Recently, Gunter-Smith has been an American Council on Education Fellow at the University of Miami, where, according to her CV, she "worked with various administrative units with a special emphasis on business and finance, university

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Albright to speak at Hamilton

by Caitlin Rochford '06
News Editor

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will speak at Hamilton College on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. Albright spoke at Hamilton in March of 2002 as part of the Sacerdote Great Names series.

This time, Albright's visit will be sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center. She will speak as part of the Levitt Center's Responsibilities of a Superpower series. "[Albright's] visit was arranged with the help of an alumnus who has personal connections [to her]," said Associate Professor of Economics and Director of the Levitt Center Ann Owen. This alumnus, Clyde Tuggle '84, is president of the Russia, Ukraine and Belarus division of the Coca-Cola Company. Tuggle majored in German Studies and Economics at Hamilton, according to Coca-Cola's website.

President Bill Clinton nominated Albright to the position of secretary of state in 1996. She was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and she became the 64th secretary of state, but the first woman to hold that position. At that time, she was also the highest ranking woman in the history of U.S. government.

Before serving as secretary of state, Albright served as ambassador to the United Nations, beginning in 1993. During her tenure, Albright came under harsh criticism for her inaction against the genocide in Rwanda, as well as for comments she made about the sanctions against Iraq.

As secretary of state, Albright helped form the NATO weapons policy and was one of few Western diplomats to meet Kim Jong-il. Other achievements

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Madeleine Albright was Hamilton's Great Names speaker in 2002. She will return in April through the Levitt Center series.

Bush gives State of the Union address

by Martin Connor '09
News Writer

President George W. Bush delivered his sixth State of the Union address this past Tuesday. Standing before a vast audience, which included an array of public servants and elected officials as well as other distinguished guests, Bush proceeded to address many of the issues that have weighed heavily on the minds of Americans recently, attempting to provide both insight and proposals for maintaining a strong and healthy agenda for the country.

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President Bush delivers State of the Union address to Congress.

Bush began on a unifying note by commemorating the death of Coretta Scott King, who passed away on Monday. He continued by calling upon our nation to surpass the partisan nature of American politics in order to

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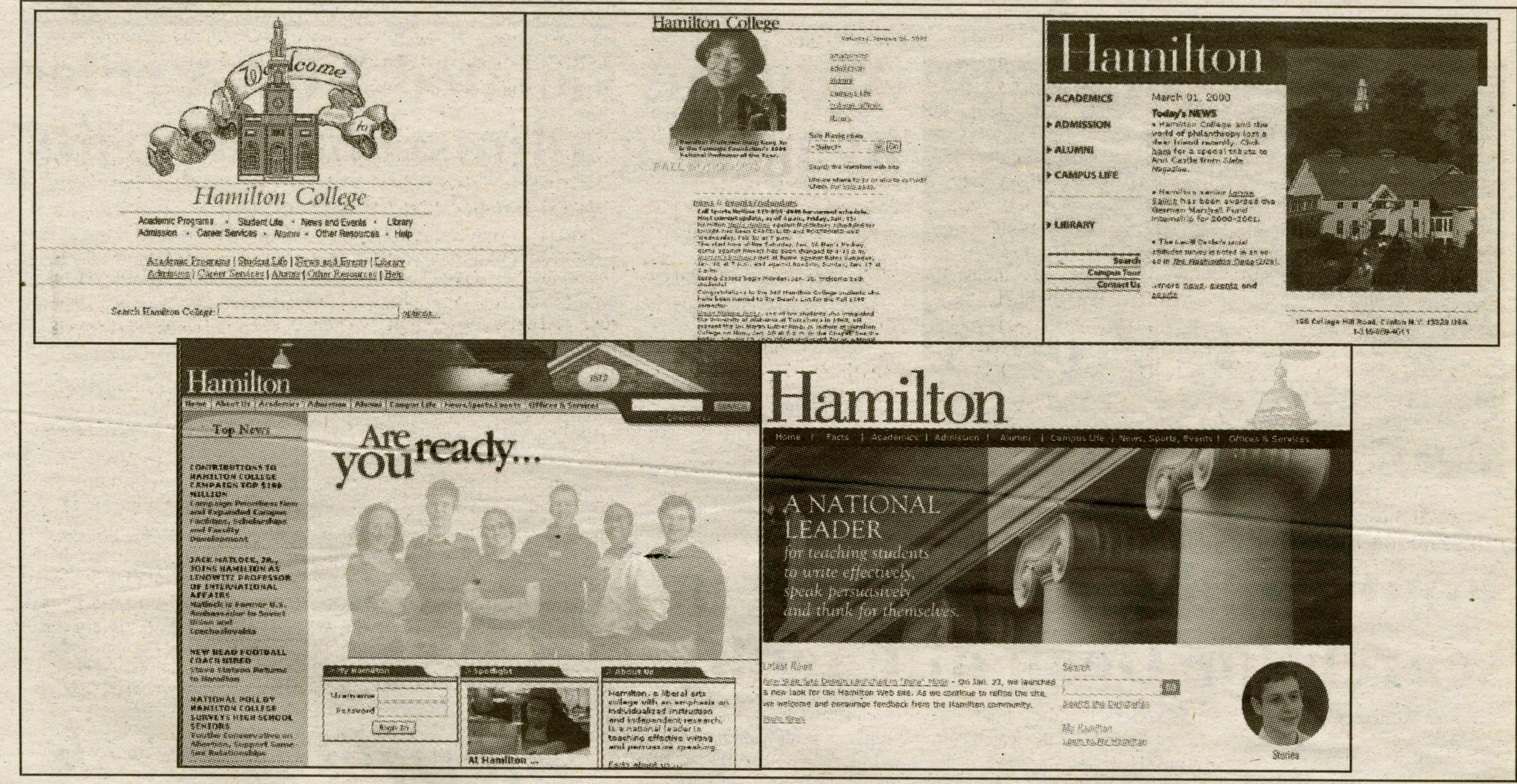
Hamilton unveils new, faster website design



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The Hamilton website is revamped every couple of years. This is what the website looked like in 1996 (upper left), early 1999 (upper middle), late 1999 (upper right), and 2004-05 (lower left). The new site (lower right) features not only a new design, but it also runs more quickly.

by Kara Labs '09
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton's website was given a new face on January 23, 2006. Some of the major changes include: a cleaner, more focused home page, a variety of color schemes on nearly all of its pages, new fonts and the ability to navigate more quickly. The last major update or redesign was in January of 2004.

"Every year, we assess the site in terms of how well it functions as well as how well it represents Hamilton," said Director of Electronic Media Ned Stankus. Approximately every two years, the site goes through a complete redesign. This is done in order to fit with the theme of other Hamilton College publications as well as to compete with other college websites in appearance and content.

The majority of the work that went into the project, which was formally started in November 2005, was done by members of the Office of Communications, the Web Services Team and the Office of Admission, in conjunction with G2G. G2G is a design firm specializing in working with institutions of higher education. "The project's steering committee along with G2G worked together to come up with the design," Stankus said.

The home page still consists of the same elements, but it has been redesigned with an eye for cleanliness and focus. Each time the page loads there are different photos. It also conveys a summary statement about the college. The student profiles are still there but de-emphasized. The topography (fonts and headlines) has been changed in order to improve readability. "We heard from many of you that the menu bar at the top of the page occasionally 'got in the way' when you were trying to access content high on the page," comments Ned. "To correct that, we've added a slight delay to the menus. Now the menus are less likely to appear when you don't want them to."

Another change made was in the time it took for the pages to load. ITS Computer Services made changes to the servers during winter break so now pages are loading up to 60 percent faster. The new site provides a variety of color. The old site used a three column layout and had the same color scheme throughout. The new site now has five different templates with different color schemes, two and three-column layouts, as well as more image options.

At the bottom of the home page on the right there is a small circle that you can click on where selected students are featured. These were collected from the old site. The next group of students will be featured in March.

The website consists of close to 8,900 pages; and most of the pages are updated automatically each week. "We do foresee redesigning some major parts of the site, such as the virtual tour, in 2006," states Stankus. "Although major change to the site's navigation and architecture were outside the scope of this project, I do feel that the site is easier to navigate because the new site's navigation is easier to read. Feedback from the community also suggests that this is true. We'll look at the site's navigation in a future project."

An online survey or feedback form that has been available to the community asked a few comparison questions. Overall, approximately 90 percent of the respondents felt that the site is an improvement from the old, and 90 percent also felt that the new site is as good as or better than other college websites.

President Stewart commented that, "the College's new website is visually appealing and conveys Hamilton's strengths. We are fortunate to have on our staff the talent, dedication and expertise that brought this project to fruition."

Check out the new site at www.hamilton.edu. The website is still being refined, so you can still provide feedback through a link at the Redesign Information page on the site.

Former Sec. of State to visit Hill

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include overseeing the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, as well as making progress toward stability in Eastern and Central Europe, according to Hamilton's web site. Currently, Albright is working as chairwoman of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.

Owen said, "We're excited that [Albright] is going to speak on campus as part of our Responsibilities of a Superpower series."

Owen stated that Albright's visit was just confirmed a few days ago and that a location had not yet been finalized.

Other speakers that have visited campus as part of this series include: Jesawald Salacuse '60, Andrew Bacevich, John Berry, David Lampton, Jisi Wang, Constantine "Dean" Kokkoris, Jan Mazurek, William W. Taylor III and Frances Dunwell. Spring speakers will include Alan Krueger, Jagdish Bhagwati and Larry Diamond.

Alcohol Coalition sets agenda

by Emma Furman '07
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Alcohol Coalition held its first meeting of the semester last Thursday, January 26 and its second yesterday, February 1. Several important issues were brought up at the meetings and placed on the Coalitions' agenda for this semester including a refinement and reevaluation of the points system, discussion of a ban on drinking games and possible changes in alcohol transports.

Members of the coalition include representatives from the student body as well as the faculty and administration. According to Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli, who also serves on the Coalition, faculty and administrative members include Associate Dean of Students Philip Klinkner, Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, Director of the Adventure Program Andrew Jillings, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services Robert Kazin, Direct of Media Relations Vige Barrie, Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls, Professor of Chemistry Karen Brewer, Assistant Director of Residential Life Travis Hill, Director of Residential Life Jeffrey Landry, Professor of Mathematics Richard Bedient, Assistant Professor of Physical Education Eugene McCabe, Assistant Dean of Admissions David Lyons and Charter Trustee Barret Seaman '67. Student Assembly President Eileen Starrett '07, Student Assembly Vice-President Nate Harris '07, Class of 2006 President Zoe Baldwin, ISC President Dan Fielding '07 and Lee Pendergast '06 speak for Hamilton's student body on the Coalition.

The general consensus among members of the Alcohol Coalition was that the newly instituted points system has been working well and that the College has seen some positive changes since its introduction. According to Klinkner, who also heads the

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NCAA forgives small infraction

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Inzer and Athletics Director Dave Thompson, the alumnus was involved with the admissions process of the two first-year students, as well as other students in the past.

"This alumn is the reason that we knew of these students, so he is someone who has been generous with the College and a benefactor to the College and to the students, and so we were aware of his relations with them as they came through the admissions process," Inzer said. "Over the years, he's helped introduce Hamilton to many students," Debraggio added.

The College's interest in the deposits peaked again in the fall of 2005, when Hamilton officials began to suspect that the payments did, in fact, violate NCAA policy.

"In the fall, we started looking into a number of NCAA things to make sure we're in compliance, and this came up as something we might want to look into further," Inzer said. "Once we determined that we likely had a violation, we began a much more thorough review," Debraggio added.

Hamilton subsequently launched an internal investigation into the matter, in the process interviewing the students and the alumnus. Inzer, Debraggio and Thompson all stressed that the College was in frequent contact with the NCAA.

"I was consulting with the NCAA almost immediately," Thompson said, explaining that he dealt directly with the NESCAC liaison.

According to Thompson, the College self-reported the violation, which was categorized as a secondary violation, between December 25, 2005, and the end of the year. The NCAA notified Hamilton after the first of the year that the payments were, in fact, violations, but granted both players reinstatement upon the repayment of the admissions deposits to the alumnus. Admission deposit for this year was $500.

"They realized it was inadvertent and didn't want to hold the kids out of competition - there was no reason to," Thompson said.

According to the NCAA's website, a secondary violation is "one that is isolated or inadvertent in nature, provides or is intended to provide only a minimal recruiting, competitive or other advantage and does not include any significant recruiting inducement or extra benefit."

"It is minor. It is a very, very small violation that really shouldn't warrant a great deal of attention," Thompson said. Debraggio reiterated the sentiment that the violation was not serious.

NCAA Spokesman Kent Barrett declined to comment on the Hamilton case, but said the self-reporting of secondary violations is "fairly common," happening approximately 1,800 times in 2005. According to Barrett, colleges declare their own student-athletes ineligible and then ask the NCAA to reinstate them.

"If somebody's reinstated, they're reinstated unless something else needs to be investigated" Barrett explained.

By all accounts, this is what happened at Hamilton. According to Thompson and Debraggio, both students were allowed to return to the team, but both declined. Thompson said he was not given a reason why.

"They made the choice not to return to the team," Debraggio said. "They were welcome to play."

"I don't understand why," Thompson added. "They're great kids, and I don't understand why."

Rozgys played during the first seven games of the 2005-2006, averaging thirteen minutes, 5.4 points and 2.1 rebounds per game. Beginning with the January 4, 2006, contest against Washington College, he has not played again. Mandela did not play during any of Hamilton's games this season.

Men's basketball coach Tobin Anderson said Rozgys and Mandela leaving the team was a setback.

"Ramunas is a very good player with a lot of talent. He was obviously logging a lot of minutes for us as a freshman," Anderson said. "The tough part is he was getting a lot better. He was just at the tip of the iceberg. At this point in the year, he could have been an even bigger contributor."

Also starting with the game against Washington College, Rozgys's high school teammates Ngobeni and Chavleishvili began sitting out voluntarily. Chavleishvili and Ngobeni, the team's third and fifth leading scorers respectively, said they voluntarily sat out because they were scared of violating NCAA rules as well.

"Basically, when everything started out, we were involved too," Chavleishvili said. "To be honest, we didn't really know what was happening or what was going on. We [Chavleishvili and Ngobeni] wanted to make sure everything was fine before we stepped back onto the court."

"We wanted to make sure everything was fine. What if there was an investigation going on about you? What would you do?" Ngobeni said.

While Ngobeni and Chavleishvili expressed the belief that they, like their high school teammates, were under investigation, College officials maintained that only Rozgys and Mandela were looked at by the College.

Ngobeni expressed frustration with the way the situation was handled, especially with the lines of communication.

"They've told us about what happened, but the way information is given to you, you keep finding out some stuff," he said. "Ever since this happened I'm trying to keep the friends I've kept and move on."

Ngobeni also said he and the other players felt disrespected by the whole process.

"Nobody really apologizes or anything, they're just like, 'everything is fine, you can just do what you do on the basketball court,'" he explained. "It's about respect. It's all about respect and we felt like we weren't respected."

Anderson said the team would welcome back Mandela and Rozgys.

"I think that's just a situation where it's in their hands. We've been encouraging them to come back this year," he said. "I wish they were still playing."

When asked if other players, such as Ngobeni and Chavleishvili, were the target of a College investigation, Debraggio declined to comment specifically.

The College does not check the payments of all recruited athletes to ensure they comply with NCAA rules.

"It's not a standard piece of our process here," Inzer said. "So it's not like when a check comes in for a recruited athlete we're seeing the source because it would get way too convoluted."

Additionally, Inzer explained, nobody is ever sure a recruited athlete will, in fact, make the team they are recruited for. According to her, a violation of NCAA rules does not occur until the athlete makes the team. Still, she said this experience may influence the way a similar situation is handled in the future.

"Our radar is up, and I think we'd act more proactively earlier and investigate and research things even more than we need to," she said.

As for the remaining players on the men's basketball team, Anderson worries that their accomplishments will be overshadowed by this minor violation.

"I feel bad that this takes away from what we've accomplished as a team. This story, for what it is, has gotten blown out of proportion where it's taken away from the year we've had and the contributions from the guys who've played," he explained.

Through Thursday, February 2, the men's basketball team was 15-3.

Messages left for Mandela and for Saint Annes-Belfield varsity basketball coach Brian Kent were not immediately returned, and Rozgys could not be reached for comment.

WORLD NEWS

VIENNA, Austria (AP) -- Iran threatened to retaliate Thursday in the face of almost certain referral to the U.N. Security Council for its nuclear activities, and the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said the dispute was "reaching a critical phase."

Ahead of a decision by the IAEA's 35-nation board, U.S. and European delegates turned to behind-the-scenes diplomacy to build the broadest possible support for reporting Iran to the council over concerns it is seeking nuclear weapons.

Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, in a letter made available to the AP, warned IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei that referral would leave Iran no choice but "to suspend all the voluntary measures and extra cooperation" with the IAEA - shorthand for reducing IAEA monitoring to a minimum.

Cuba, Venezuela, Syria and a few other nations at odds with Washington remained opposed to referral. India was said to be leaning toward supporting referral.

Diplomats accredited to the IAEA meeting said backing for Iran had shrunk among the U.N. nuclear watchdog's board since Russia and China swung their support behind referral at an overnight meeting with the United States, France and Britain - the other three permanent council members - that started Monday.

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Rep. John Boehner of Ohio won election Thursday as House majority leader, promising a steady hand and a helping of reform for Republicans staggered by election-year scandal.

Boehner, who replaces indicted Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, said the GOP "must act swiftly to restore the trust between Congress and the American people."

He defeated Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri on a vote of 122-109 by House Republicans after trailing his rival on an inconclusive first round.

"Life goes on," shrugged Blunt, who has long had close ties to DeLay and had been the acknowledged front-runner in a race to replace him. Blunt retains his post as GOP whip, third-ranking in the leadership behind Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois and Boehner.

"People were ready for more reform than he (Blunt) was offering," said Rep. Jeff Flake of Arizona, who supported a third contender, John Shadegg of Arizona, on the first ballot.

IVORY TOWERS

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -- For engineering students, the mechanics of pumps and levees has never been more important. For biologists, the study of mold never more timely. For political scientists, the challenges of democratic decision-making never more real.

The flood waters that followed Hurricane Katrina left New Orleans' colleges with a huge array of problems, but also one unprecedented and enormous opportunity. In nearly every academic field, from architecture to sociology to economics, the city's rebuilding offers a real-world educational laboratory the likes of which American universities have never seen.

"This is our Katrina dividend," said Reed Kroloff, dean of Tulane University's school of architecture, which has revamped its entire curriculum to focus on Katrina-related issues.

Even as they lay off staff and cut programs (including some engineering ones at Tulane), the colleges say they are determined to take advantage. Offering a unique educational experience may be their best hope for attracting students to a city with so many problems and inconveniences.

Each of New Orleans' half-dozen or so major colleges, in varying stages of recovery, say they plan to blur the boundaries between the recovering city and the classroom. Tulane is adding a public service requirement, while Dillard University will require a Katrina-related academic project of students. All are reworking classes.

The focus may be sharpest at Loyola University, a Jesuit school next door to Tulane with a long-standing tradition of "moral learning" and public service.

President to choose between four candidates

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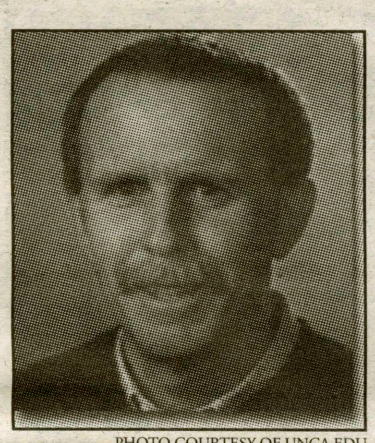
advancement and the college of arts and sciences" and "conducted a study of learning environments that promote the development of students' leadership skills and potential with a focus on women of color."

Gunter-Smith also served as the chair of the biology department at Spelman College from 1992 to 2002 and directed several programs at the college. She has been published several times in different journals and has given numerous presentations at varied institutions.

She was extremely enthusiastic about applying for the position. "Hamilton has a long-standing reputation as an outstanding liberal arts institution…I inquired about the position as soon as it was announced, even before the position



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William Spellman, a candidate for Dean of Faculty, currently serves as Associate Vice Chacellor for Academic Affairs at University of North Carolina at Asheville.

profile was available."

"As vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty I [would] look forward to joining a dynamic community of learners and directing my talents, energy and passion for the liberal arts toward elevating Hamilton College to the highest possible level," said Gunter-Smith. "I am truly honored

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Pamela Gunter-Smith, a candidate for Dean of Faculty, currently teaches Physiology at Spelman College.

to have been selected as a finalist for the position."

The open meeting with Gunter-Smith will be held on Thursday, February 9 at 4:15 p.m. in KJ Auditorium.

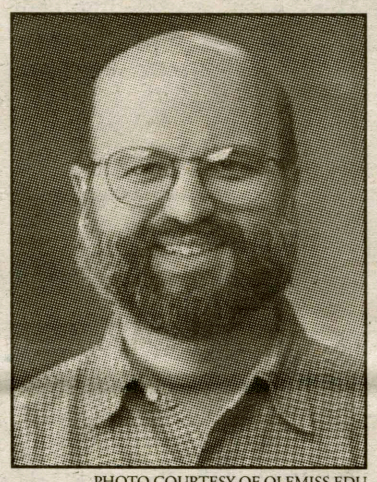
Joseph R. Urgo is currently the chair of the department of English at the University of Mississippi as well as a professor of English. Urgo received his Ph.D. from Brown University's Program in American Civilization in 1985. He also has a Masters degree from Brown, a Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies from Wesleyan University and an undergraduate degree from Haverford College in political science.

As the chair of the English department at the University of Mississippi he manages 40 full-time faculty members as well as 450 undergraduate majors and 90 graduate students. He also oversees the writing center and speech program. Over the course of his time at the University of Mississippi and while he chaired the department of English and humanities at Bryant College, Urgo served on countless committees and played an administrative role in many advisory boards and programs.

The most recent of his four published books is titled "In the Age of Distraction;" he has also authored and published many different articles, chapters, encyclopedia entries and essays.

Urgo is excited to be visiting Hamilton next week and expressed that while he has had a lot of interaction with faculty and administration during the candidate selection process, he has not yet had an opportunity to become familiar with the student body. "I'm looking forward to meeting the students," said Urgo. He went on to say that he is eager to "really meet them [students] and get a sense of who they are…I really hope that students come in and talk [during the open meetings.]"

Urgo commented that he is looking at coming to Hamilton because "Hamilton [provides] one of the finest educations you can get



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Joseph Urgo, a candidate for Dean of Faculty, is professor and chair of the English department at the University of Mississippi.

in the country…[and is] precisely the kind of school I was looking forward to spending the rest of my career at."

"I was thrilled to just apply and throw my name in the hat," he added.

Urgo also mentioned that he felt he could bring to the College

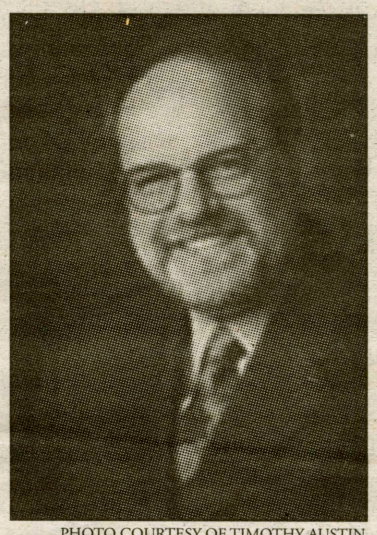


PHOTO COURTESY OF TIMOTHY AUSTIN

Timothy Austin, a candidate for Dean of Faculty, currently serves as dean of Creighton College of Arts and Sciences.

"the eyes of an outsider to come in and talk about what it does best" and to "be able to better communicate to the outside world what Hamilton does."

An open meeting with Urgo will be held on Monday, February 13 in KJ Auditorium at 4:15 p.m.

Timothy R. Austin is the Dean of the Creighton College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of English at Creighton University. He received a Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and completed undergraduate work as well as a Masters degree at Lincoln College at Oxford University. He has published two books and a number of different book chapters and articles.

Austin also has various forms of administrative experience. He presently serves as the vice chairman of the Nebraska Humanities Council and has been involved in many varied panels, most recently serving as a panelist on a panel entitled "Liberal Learning and Student Identity: Making the Vital Connection," at the 2006 National Conference of the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

Austin was unavailable for comment. An open meeting with him will be held on Thursday, February 16 at the same time and location as the previous meetings.

Reynolds stressed that discussions, meetings and interviews will be held with each of these candidates to determine "which one of them has the strengths that will best meet the position."

He went on to say that there are "differences among them" but what ties them together and makes the selection so competitive is that "they all have a connection with the liberal arts, which we thought was important" and that "there are differences among them, but they all have experiences that will stand to help Hamilton move forward over the next years."

The finalists were selected by a search committee for the position chaired by Professor of Biology Patrick Reynolds and comprised of Josh Agins '07, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Meredith Harper Bonham, Associate Professor of Theatre Mark Cryer, Associate Professor of Philosophy Katheryn Doran, Associate Professor of Music Lydia Hamessley, Professor of East Asian Languages and Literatures Hong Gang Jin, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services Robert Kazin, Vice President for Administration and Finance Karen Leach, Associate Professor of English Onno Oerlemans, Associate Professor of Economics Ann Owen and Media Library Assistant Kelly Rose.

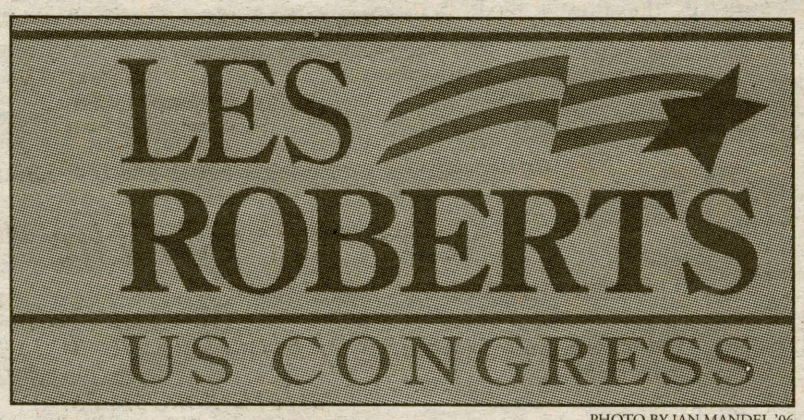
Congressional candidate meets HC democrats

by Brianna Felton '09
NEWS WRITER

Les Roberts is not unfamiliar with having jobs that can change the world. His experiences working on both the State and Federal levels make him more than qualified to be a Congressional candidate. On January 7, 2006, Roberts officially announced the beginning of his campaign to run for a seat in the House of Representatives. Republican Sherwood Boehlert is currently the holder of the seat. Though Roberts has no prior experience as a politician, he is eager and willing to take up the challenge against the incumbent Boehlert.

Some of the district may know the potential candidate as Mr. Roberts because he was their high school teacher. He began his rise to the top as a physics teacher at Fayetteville-Manlius High School. The public health sector was the next step in Roberts budding career. His goal was to bring better healthcare and rights to those in places who could not get it for themselves. His position at the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention allowed him the privilege of briefing some of the nation's highest institutions on public health needs. Roberts has also worked in many countries during times of war. He has not only been the official advising on how to fix the problem, but he also has worked as a uniformed officer. One of his major accomplishments was working with the Rwandan Refugees during the cholera crisis.

If elected, Roberts says that he will bring these unique experiences to Congress. He will also bring his list of three goals, which form a foundation for his campaign. Roberts believes that a balanced federal budget is very important. He has experience with keeping finances for smaller scale projects on task and feels that he could help the government do the same.



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Congressional candidate Les Roberts met with the Hamilton College democrats at their last meeting in January.

Next he wants to make sure that every American is medically insured. He notes the need for better healthcare in the district and the bankruptcy of much needed healthcare facilities.

Finally, he wants to create a program that will use renewable energy sources in order to end U.S. dependency on foreign oil. Roberts feels that the 24th district is the perfect candidate for "geothermal and hydrothermal" energy plans. According to Roberts his new energy plan would take care of high energy prices in the district.

In his campaign announcement speech Roberts states, "I know a better, more responsible America.... and that is the America of the 24th District." Roberts came to Hamilton College with that exact attitude. He was invited by the Hamilton College Democrats to speak at one of their meetings. Having Democratic candidates in the area speak at meetings is part of a project to allow the Hamilton Community to get to know the candidates better. President of the Democrats Jon Kuhl '06 believes that his job is to get the campus "as politically aware as possible." The group plans on helping out the campaign of whomever the democratic candidate may be. He feels that Roberts really "cares about the issues," not just his self-interest.

Democrat Dan Bleeker '06 agrees. He cites Roberts' "background knowledge about how the real world actually works" as something politicians often lack. Neither Bleeker nor Kuhl can vote for or against Roberts because they are registered in different districts.

The Hamilton Community can look forward to at least one more possible candidate speaking at the Democrats meeting. If you'd like to learn more about Les Roberts, his campaign website is www.les-roberts2006.com.

The Spectator

Over the course of the next two weeks, students will have the opportunity to meet with the four candidates for Dean of Faculty and weigh in on President Stewart's important decision. Not only were 25 student representatives selected to sit down to lunch with the candidates and participate more intimately in the selection process, but review of and discussion with the candidates was also opened up to the entire campus in the form of the four scheduled open meetings. The selection committee also revealed their strong desire for student input by creating an e-mail address designed specifically to receive feedback for the President on the candidates and encouraging us all to make use of this resource. Bestowing upon the student body such a responsibility clearly demonstrates the level of trust that the administration must have for us.

It is necessary for an extraordinary level of trust, respect and communication to exist between administration, faculty, staff and students in such a small community as Hamilton is. This link is especially important to maintain between the student body and those making decisions for them. We are pleased that the administration has provided us this long-overdue opportunity to actively participate in a decision that will undoubtedly have a profound impact on the future of the College and therefore on us as well.

There are other organizations on campus as well that are making a concerted effort to keep students involved in the important decision-making process. This week, *The Spectator* reported on the Alcohol Coalition's first two agenda-setting meetings. This provides an excellent example of students, faculty and administration working together to make decisions that will have a positive outcome for every member of the community. The Coalition itself includes five student representatives whose job it is to make the opinions of those they represent heard and carried out. Faculty and administrative members of the Coalition have also made it clear that they encourage students to participate in discussions and to have their voices heard. Town hall meetings and student involvement in a new Points Committee that has yet to be formed are among the ways for students to get involved. Students should actively take part in these talks, for the decisions that stem from them are ones that will actually impact many individuals, as well as the campus as a whole.

This is a great opportunity, as is the chance to meet with the possible future Dean of Faculty, and Hamilton students should rise to the occasion. Perhaps this will incite an increased willingness on the part of Hamilton administration and faculty to be increasingly more forthcoming and open with the student body. We certainly hope so.

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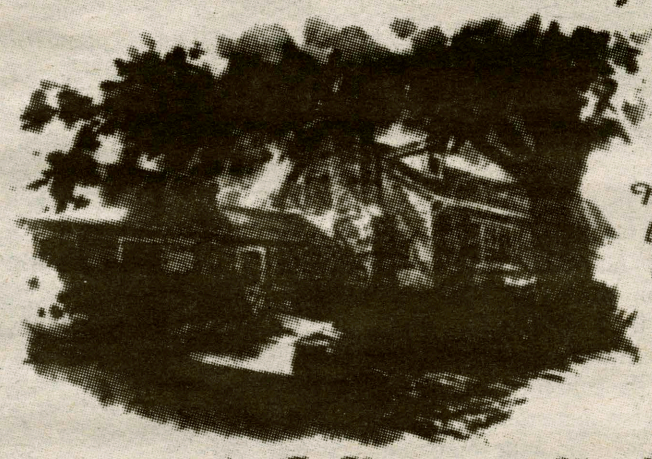

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Hamilton students respond to Bush's address

*from **Address**, page 1*

work together for the better good of our nation. "In a system of two parties, two chambers and two elected braches, there will always be differences and debate. But even tough debates can be conducted in a civil tone, and our differences cannot be allowed to harden into anger. To confront the great issues before us, we must act in a spirit of good will and respect for one another," Bush said.

Bush furthered the opening of his address with reminders that our nation's commitments abroad have a very real impact at home. Citing once again the politicized example of September 11, Bush stated that "dictatorships shelter terrorists and feed resentment and radicalism, and seek weapons of mass destruction" whereas "democracies replace resentment with hope... and join the fight against terror," in order to remind our nation of the importance of our foreign military presence.

As Bush began to directly address the issue of terrorism, he maintained that the United States must continue to follow its current international policy. Bush confirmed his resolution and belief that the United States must not turn to a policy of isolationism and must continue to play a leading role in the international scene.

"We cannot find security by abandoning our commitments and retreating within our borders," Bush said. He spoke at length about American goals in Iraq, once again asserting that reconstruction in Iraq is continuing with much success, and that both the Iraqi government and Iraqi forces are gaining more stability and capability. Bush furthermore asserted that devotion to our commitment in Iraq "is the road that will take our troops home."

Bush then segued into words of consolation and comfort concerning the country's military sacrifice. He assured the nation that this sacrifice is not in vain, citing the humbling words of Marine Staff Sgt. Dan Clay, who was recently killed in Iraq. Bush's words incited much applause for the Marine's family, who were present at the address.

Bush continued to fixate upon the necessity of extensive American involvement in the international scene, introducing no change to his current foreign policy goals. Bush cited the success of the recent Egyptian multiparty presidential election, as well as the recent Palestinian elections, though he called upon them to continue in the right direction by, among other things, recognizing the Israeli state.

Bush also extended the hand of American friendship to the people of Iran who are currently, according to Bush, being "held hostage by a small clerical elite that is isolating and repressing its people."

Bush continued by addressing the people of Iran directly, saying, "We respect your right to choose your own future and win your own freedom." The current Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who is a Muslim extremist, as well as an avid enemy of Israel, has become a hero of the common people of Iran through his economic efforts to redistribute oil wealth and fight corruption in the Iranian government.

Bush next reminded the nation that our presence in the international scene is not purely military. He once again urged that we should avoid isolationism at all costs, emphasizing the role the United States plays in supporting foreign countries. "Americans believe in the God-given dignity and worth of a villager with HIV/AIDS or an infant with malaria or a refugee fleeing genocide or a young girl sold into slavery." Bush stated that, "The only alternative to American leadership [in the international scene] is a dramatically more dangerous and anxious world."

Bush next focused on efforts to fight terrorism at home, informing the nation of a terrorist-surveillance program he has authorized in order to "aggressively pursue the international communications of suspected Al Qaeda operatives." Bush also asked that the Patriot Act be reauthorized.

As Bush turned his focus towards the economy, he insisted that economic growth is necessary to keep the American economy competitive in the world market, stating that this is only possible when "Americans have more of their own money to spend." Bush took this opportunity to praise his past tax relief efforts and urge legislators to support his proposed budget reforms, which he claims will save taxpayers $14 billion next year and enable the deficit to be cut in half by 2009.

Bush next went on to address the issue of Social Security and the retirement of the Baby Boomer generation, introducing the topic with some humorous relief, which incited a look of anything but amusement on Senator Clinton's face. "This year the first of about 78 million baby boomers turn 60, including two of my dad's favorite people, me, and President Clinton."

Bush emphasized the importance of creating a plan to address the strain that will be placed on Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare by the retirement of the Baby Boom generation. Bush went so far as to reprimand Congress for not embracing his plan to privatize Social Security. "Congress did not act last year on my proposal to save Social Security," he said, "Every year we fail to act the situation gets worse."

Bush proposed the creation of a commission to "examine the full impact of Baby Boom retirements on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid."

Bush also took the opportunity to call for stronger immigration enforcement and border protection along with a "rational, humane guest-worker program that rejects amnesty, allows temporary jobs for people who seek them legally and reduces smuggling and crime at the border."

Bush named healthcare, too, as a major issue in keeping the American economy competitive. He stressed the importance of affordable healthcare for all Americans, especially the poor and elderly. Bush cited the use of electronic records and other health information technology to "help control costs and reduce dangerous medical errors." Bush also announced his intentions to help individuals and small business employees purchase health care with the same advantages available to employees of big businesses. Bush also showed his concern for business by calling for medical liability reform to be passed due to a supposed surge of medical lawsuits that are driving doctors out of business.

Bush also spoke at length about efforts to address the issue of energy. "America is addicted to oil," he said. "The best way to break this addiction is through technology." He proposed increased funding for research in energy technologies, including the production of ethanol, development of zero-emission coal-fired plants, revolutionary solar and wind technologies and "clean, safe nuclear energy."

Bush also proposed to work to replace more than 75 percent of oil imports from the Middle East by 2025.

Addressing social issues, Bush proposed new spending in science and math programs for students and increased training for teachers of advanced placement courses.

Bush also informed the nation of his intentions to "lead a nationwide effort, working closely with African-American churches and faith-based groups, to deliver rapid HIV tests to millions."

Bush ended his speech with the words "May God bless America."

The speech incited many mixed feelings among students on campus. Despite Bush's words requesting unified action for the better good of America, the division in feelings towards his policy was quite evident both across the nation and on campus.

Two events were sponsored in honor of the State of Union address. The government department sponsored a viewing in the Red Pit that produced almost no turnout. The Hamilton Republican Club sponsored an event in the Pub that offered free pizza and which resulted in a very large turnout. Students at both events were eager to share their thoughts about the speech.

Ben Noble '08, president of the Hamilton Republican Club, said, "I thought the President's State of the Union was a very good address. The content of the speech wasn't just a typical Clintonian shopping list of 50 items. Instead, it was a broadly thematic speech, especially in the beginning and end, of American core values and how Americans should face the future optimistically."

From the opposite perspective, Jon Kuhl '06, president of the Hamilton Democrats Club, said, "The President largely stayed away from the controversial issues in his speech. Part of being a leader is dealing with the tough issues, like the federal government's horribly inadequate response to Hurricane Katrina. Instead, the President clung to his safety net of the war on terror, which while important, is not the only issue facing our country."

Points to be topic of coalition

*from **Coalition**, page 2*

Coalition, the campus has seen a reduction in damage bills as well as fewer students sent to the Judicial Board for hearings.

While the points system appears to have been beneficial for Hamilton, Klinkner stressed that the coalition is now asking "how can we make the points system work better" and has begun preliminary conversations in which the members discussed fine-tuning the system.

Currently, once students accumulate points, the points are subtracted from their records at a rate of three per year. Klinkner commented that this is one of the issues the Alcohol Coalition is looking into and is considering changing the system so that students lose two points every six months. He went on to say that the coalition is looking to fine-tune the existing points system so that it more closely mirrors the system that was in place previously. He stressed that any changes made to the current system would be ones that would be more "lenient for students."

The new points system was designed to be as close as possible to the previous system; the intent was simply to assign a numerical value to offenses and clarify punishments for students. "We haven't seen any glaring inequalities," said Klinkner.

However, he went on to stress that the Coalition would like to have more input from students and encourages them to voice their opinions on all issues up for discussion this semester. He also expressed hopes for a town meeting to discuss any changes in the points system.

Magnarelli shared his sentiments stating that the coalition was "absolutely looking for student input."

According to Klinkner, the coalition also intends to reconstitute the Points Committee to help examine and discuss any changes to the points system.

Also on the agenda for the Alcohol Coalition this semester is discussion examining drinking games, specifically beruit, and their role on campus. According to members the coalition intends to examine and discuss whether or not beruit should be allowed in Hamilton social spaces, such as the Annex and Bundy where the College facilitates the games by providing tables, and also whether or not beruit should be banned in general on campus. This issue was brought up preliminarily at the first meeting of the semester as a topic that needs further discussion and will be talked about more as the semester progresses.

Members of the coalition stressed that this is an issue that needs much discussion before any decision is made and again made it clear that they encourage students to get involved and make their opinions heard.

"If they [students] have ideas or thoughts that they want to share with the Coalition, the Coalition is very open to hearing them," said Thompson.

Magnarelli stressed that students have qualified and dedicated representation on the Alcohol Coalition in the form of their student representatives and encouraged students to reach out to Starrett, Harris, Baldwin, Fielding and Pendergast.

Jillings, director of the adventure program, offered an alternative for those who do not want to participate in drinking games or who might feel pressured to drink. "My job at this campus is to play games without drinking," he said. "I will meet with anyone who is interested in learning a non-drinking game or how to not drink in a drinking game."

The coalition also aims to look at creating other alternative social options on campus for those who do not wish to participate in drinking-related activities. "We haven't been just about going over the penalties and punishments," commented Klinkner. He went on to say that the Coalition would like to "increase social options" on campus.

The Alcohol Coalition will continue to meet weekly for the rest of the semester and discuss these issues as well as others that may arise.

Insights & Ideas

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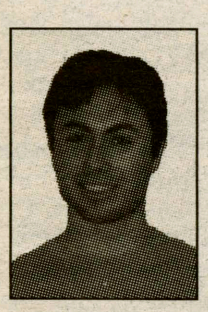
This week's topic: The State of the Union



by Blake Hulnick '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

We might do well to think of the State of the Union address under President Bush as a form of theater. It has certainly been infused with comedy over the years. Who can forget "weapons of mass destruction-related program activities," an exquisite turn of phrase coined by the world's best-paid speechwriters for the 2004 address?

The Bush address has also contained tragedy. Dr. Ahmed Chalabi was invited to the 2004 address as an honored guest of the President, where he sat in the front row and applauded on national television. Only later was he arrested for corruption and suspected of providing much of the false intelligence used to justify the war.

This year, the president has honed his theatrical skills yet again, demonstrating his talent for irony. He opened the 2006 address by paying homage to the just-deceased Coretta Scott King, civil rights activist and widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Many might recall Martin Luther King Day in 2003, which President Bush helped celebrate by filing a brief against the University of Michigan's affirmative action program. Shakespeare would be proud.

In a move surprising to some, the President focused a good deal of his speech on domestic issues. Stopping only to chastise his critics on Iraq and make vaguely discomforting references to regime change in Iran, President Bush outlined a broad and unambitious domestic agenda. To be fair, the President's hands are somewhat tied with respect to new programs. He did, after all, inherit the largest deficit in American history from himself when he took office last year. Since the deficit has increased, not decreased as promised, he will be busy cutting it in half by 2009: an admirable proposal he renewed this year.

One positive turn of events was the recognition of our reliance on Mideast oil, which even the former oilman referred to as "an addiction." His pledge to increase funding for clean energy research by 22 percent is a move in the right direction. Unfortunately, the amount spent on such programs is so paltry compared to other expenditures that we will probably not see major changes in energy use for years. This administration's past bright ideas for energy independence, including drilling in the Artic National Wildlife Refuge, do not bode well for its future endeavors.

Mr. Bush displayed a rare concession to moderation when he finally got on board supporting a bipartisan commission to examine Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Having had his Social Security reform proposals roundly defeated last year, this was his last option for reform. We can all breathe a sigh of relief that, at least for now, the Republican privatization scheme has been shelved for another day.

The President also managed to reaffirm his administration's exalted reputation for shameless insinuation. Discussing our need to maintain ethics in scientific research, Mr. Bush managed to conflate stem cell research with "cloning" and "human-animal hybrids."

The fact that these Frankenstein-esque practices are undocumented, obviously and used as scare tactics is irrelevant. We can all take solace in having elected a president more concerned with keeping our streets Centaur-free than making meaningful advances in the treatment of Alzheimer's, cancer and diabetes.

If nothing else, Mr. Bush's record on science has been consistent. Perhaps out of sheer habit, Bush rejected the recommendations of the National Academies, which suggested providing college scholarships for math and science majors who commit to teaching high school after graduation. The first MBA president should recognize that 30,000 math and science professionals will not commit to teaching high school because we ask them nicely. At a time when their skills are most in demand, economic incentives are a necessary component of any realistic proposal.

Many viewers must have thought they were hearing things when Bush mentioned the "unethical conduct of public officials." Fear not, however: as it turns out, the President was referring to activist judges trying to redefine marriage from the bench; not Tom DeLay, Bill Frist, Scooter Libby, Bob Ney, Duke Cunningham or Michael Brown. For now, it seems, conservatives can rest easy that the traditional definition of marriage will remain intact in America's highest court, as President Bush proudly wore the recent confirmations of Roberts and Alito as two big, white feathers in his cap.

And now, Americans, you may proceed about your lives free of stress and worry. Assured that the state of our union is strong and that freedom remains on its persistent march, we can go on to celebrate other victories.

One excellent place to start is Exxon-Mobil's recent announcement that this quarter marked the highest profits for any American company, ever. Armed with $36.13 billion in profits from last year alone, they would like to wish you a happy New Year and politely remind the country to pay its heating bills on time.

by Benjamin Noble '08
Insights & Ideas Editor

On January 31, 2006, President George W. Bush gave his fifth annual State of the Union address. The night started as usual and had all the traditional pomp and circumstance.

Bush then began his address honoring the life of Coretta Scott King, the wife of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After this commemorative note, Bush continued with a request to the Washington community to become less partisan and harsh.

Foreign relations and the War on Terrorism was the first topic of Bush's address; appropriate considering it is the most important problem facing America today. Bush reiterated his goals of spreading democracy globally to keep America and its allies safe and secure. He noted successes in the War on Terrorism, including women voting in Afghanistan and millions of Iraqis voting in free elections. However, Bush continued on by warning that the terrorists are still out there and that we must not quit until we bring them to justice. Bush then sent a warning to the radical Iranian government to stop seeking nuclear weapons.

One of my favorite parts of Bush's address was when he did not back down from his NSA terrorist surveillance program. The President vigorously defended it as a vital tool in the War on Terrorism. At this point in his speech, Bush also called on Congress to reauthorize the Patriot Act. Of course, the Republicans jumped up applauding, but a small number of Democrats did also, including Ben Nelson (D-NE).

During the foreign relations part of the address, Bush brought attention to his special guest, Staff Sergeant Dan Clay's wife, Lisa. By drawing attention to his special guests in the galleries, a tradition started by President Ronald Reagan, Bush honored our troops who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend America's security and freedoms in these troubling times.

Many people thought that Bush was repeating what he usually says about the War on Terrorism and other subjects. He basically did, but that is what was so great about it. Bush sticks to his core values, does what he knows is right, and does not sway to the winds of ever-changing polls.

Bush then moved on to domestic issues, starting with the prosperous economy. The President cited that in the last two and a half years, the United States has created 4.6 million new jobs. To keep the economy strong and thriving, Bush urged Congress to make his tax cuts permanent, reduce pork barrel projects, and terminate more than 140 ineffective programs. Permanent tax cuts would save American taxpayers $14 billion and cuts in discretionary spending would slash the deficit in half by 2009.

The social security segment of the address was one of the most interesting parts of the night. Bush tried to revive his Social Security reform program. He stated that Congress did not act to save Social Security, to which Democrats rose up mockingly applauding. This act was very revealing and typical of the obstructionist Democrats to applaud the lack of progress. After being rudely interrupted Bush shot right back saying, "yet the rising cost of entitlements is a problem that is not going away. And every year we fail to act, the situation gets worse."

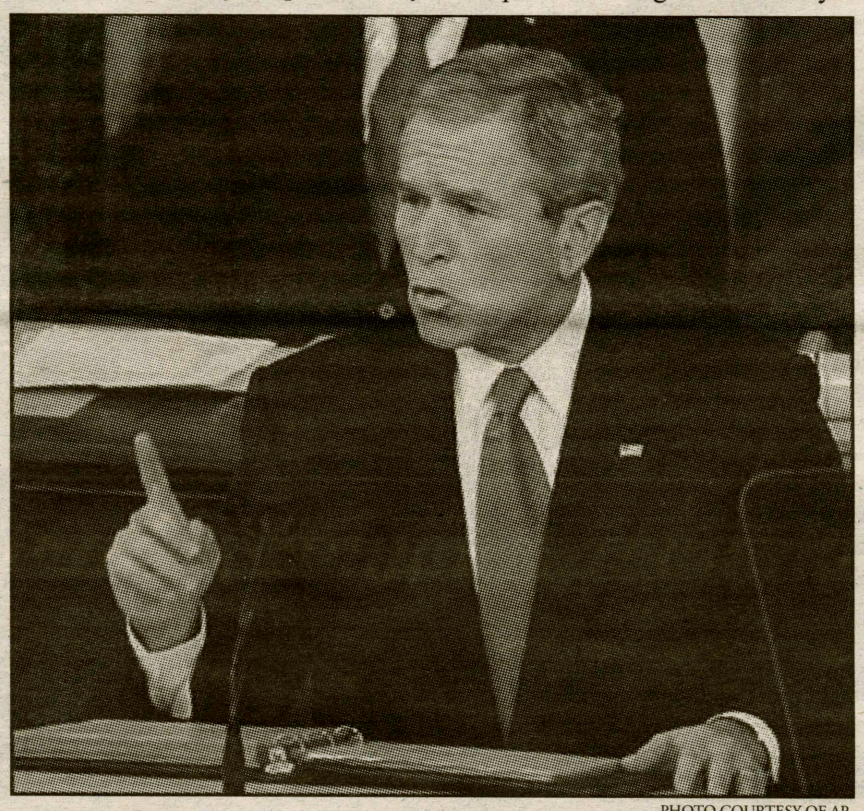
In the last part of his economic section, Bush commended American competitiveness and its status as the preeminent economy of the world. Bush advocated research and development, competition and free markets, but warned against losing our status as the most powerful economy due to protectionist and isolationist thinking and policies.

Bush continued to discuss other subjects such as healthcare, education (particularly advocating more AP teachers for math and science), immigration and border security.

The last major issue addressed was the need to find alternative sources of energy. Bush reasoned that America must use technology to overcome its dependence on Mideast oil. He proposed that there needed to be more investment in zero-emission, coal-fired plants, solar and wind technologies and clean, safe nuclear energy.

Before his closing, Bush spoke optimistically of a better American society. He addressed about judicial appointments, activist courts, unethical politicians, outlawing cloning, Hurricane Katrina, and HIV/AIDS. Bush reminded us though that, "we must never give in to the belief that America is in decline, or that our culture is doomed to unravel. The American people know better than that. We have proven the pessimists wrong before: and we will do it again."

Bush concluded his great uplifting address that America must optimistically, faithfully, courageously move forward towards victory and prosperity. At the time of Bush's concluding lines, the group I watched the address with erupted in cheer (partly due to the greatness of the speech, partly due to Pub's spirited atmosphere). Although 2005 was not the greatest year for Bush or the country, Americans should be confident for the year 2006.



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President George W. Bush delivering his State of the Union address on Capitol Hill.

Dear Hamilton Helper

by Becca Griffith '09
Insights and Ideas Writer

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I've found that I'm overwhelmed with homework so far this semester, and it's only the third week. I'm trying to keep up with all my reading and assignments but I can't help but think that the amount of work I'm expected to do in some classes is just unreasonable. Having to read a book in two days would be fine if I didn't have to read in four separate classes. I'm starting to fall behind and get really stressed. What can I do?
~Weary Worker

Dear Weary,

If you really feel that some of your assignments are unreasonable, then you should talk to the teacher about it. Maybe they're hearing the same thing from other students, and will reconsider your workload. If you're the only one having problems then they might be able to help arrange for you to get some extra help with a tutor or a classmate. If you're really getting too stressed, then you also have the option of dropping a class. That, or you can lock yourself in your room and avoid all human contact until all your work is done.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I'm in a class this semester in which I have to give a long speech as one of my larger grades. I'm used to speaking in front of a class, but only while doing group presentations with other people there. The idea of standing alone in front of this room is terrifying me. I'm afraid I won't be able to do it. What can I do?
~Terrified Talker

Dear Terrified,

If you've been able to speak in group presentations before then you should be fine. Just practice your speech in front of some friends while sitting in your classroom. If you learn what you want to say well enough, then there will be nothing to worry about when it comes time to talk. Tell yourself that you'll do fine and you will. Just don't try that whole "picture them in their underwear thing." That can lead to unpleasantness.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

This correspondence may be wrought with sarcasm, but I am honestly just kind of shocked at the blatant ignorance that was present and overt in last week's issue of the *Spectator*'s Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down section.

If you'll look at the first bit in the thumbs down column, you'll notice that, pretty bluntly, Jesse and his sidekick point out that "Mid East Commons food" is indeed "part of [the] admission [office's] secret plan to attract terrorists to Hamilton."

I'm commonly a pretty thick-skinned guy, but let's break this down: if the unwritten part of the statement is that, generally, people are attracted to the food or recipes that originate from their home or homeland, we've basically just implied that all residents of the Middle East are, in fact, terrorists, and that by cooking food that comes from their terrorist-filled lands we are thus (but jokingly, humorously, so it's okay) attracting terrorists to our institution. Undeniably far-fetched, to be sure, so I take this comment with one or two grains of salt.

But that flavoring is simply not enough to get the terrible taste out of my mouth that comes after imagining a current or prospective student from Lebanon or Turkey or Palestine or Libya or Kuwait or Bahrain or Israel or Saudi Arabia or Jordan or Syria or Iraq or Yemen or Oman or the United Arab Emirates or Iran or Azerbaijan or Armenta or Afghanistan or Pakistan picking up this paper and reading that tidbit.

What a welcoming, open-minded institution this appears to be; we have successfully just stereotyped (but it's okay, 'cause it's a joke) and probably ostracized at least a few of the approximately 432,811,742 people of that region.

Of all the comedic fodder that this campus has to offer, we've instead opted to go outside of the realm of Hamilton College, offend a bunch of readers, myself included, and treat it like it's the next joke about the ice cream in Commons. This is ignorance at its worst--not malicious in any way, not intentionally hateful--but just reprehensibly aloof to the meaning of the words being written.

I wish sincerely that the *Spectator* staff (writers and contributors, but namely editors) would be a bit more attentive to the words they're throwing out there, the name that's being represented by those words, and the people who they might offend with them. You guys end up looking like jackasses sometimes.

Benjamin E. Critton '06

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Thumbs up

- Declaring you minor in criminology by watching an unhealthy amount of Law and Order

- Ed Koch on WHCL. Now all we need is for them to broadcast more than 500yds

- Fri 9a.m.: ISC Blood Drive
  Fri 9p.m.: ISC Sperm Drive

- Be an AA leader. Meet the freshmen before Weight Watchers does.

- Recyclemania telling the campus that the more beer we drink, the more we can recycle.

Thumbs down

- Everyone getting a cold reminding the campus that if there was ever a STD around, we'd be screwed.

- State of the Union outlawing human-animal hybrids. Sorry Root.

- Having CFD show up at your morning wake and bake.

- New Culinary classes- You're gonna need them when your Communication major doesn't work out.

-RIP BET Boxer

by Jesse Gaylord '06
and Daniel Horowitz '06

Who cares

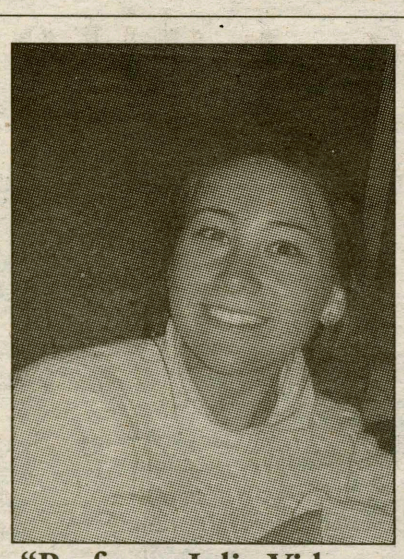
- ATX's OLE! party showing they are influenced by daddy's gardener.

- HAVOC food salvage- Helping sororities break 100 lbs

- DoF search. Whose getting ousted next? Marge from Commons?

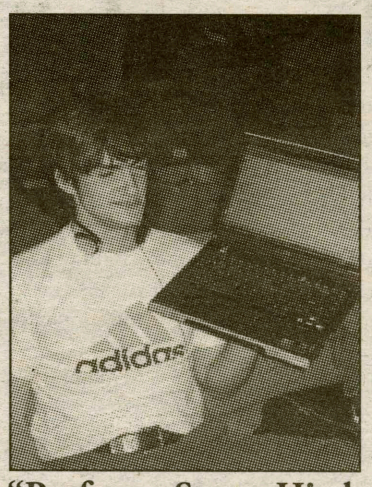
- Expensive Senior Photo packages.

- Silly Crosswalk e-mails. If you don't look, you deserve to get hit. We're in college.

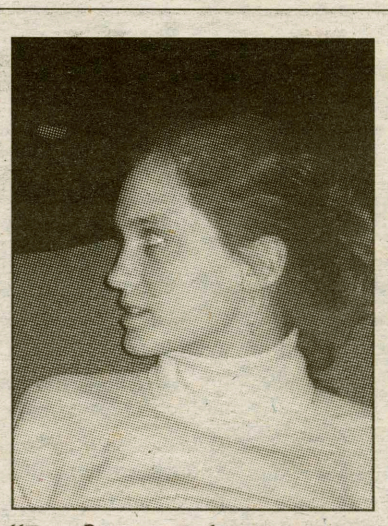


"Professor Julio Videras (economics) because I'd like to scoialize with my students as well as teach them."
~Katherine Wasserman '06

"Professor Ernest Williams (biology) because he can carry butterflies on his fingers around the science building."
~Lauren Wilson '07



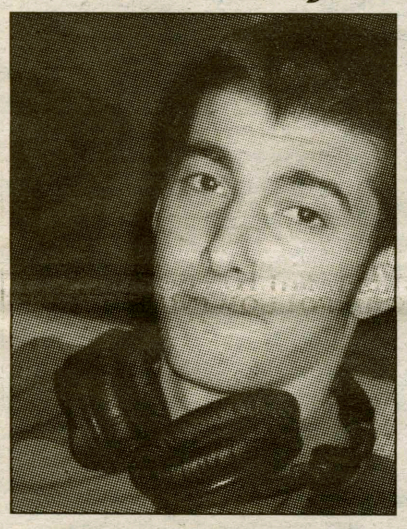
"Professor Stuart Hirshfield (computer science) so that I could laugh at all the Intro Kids."
~ Jesse Stromwinck '09



"Professor John McEnroe (art history) so I could be on a sabbatical in Greece studing Greek vases."
~Ruthie Dibble '07

Hamilton Unscripted

This week's question:
If you could be any member of the Hamilton faculty for the day, who would you be and why? **by Michelle Butler**



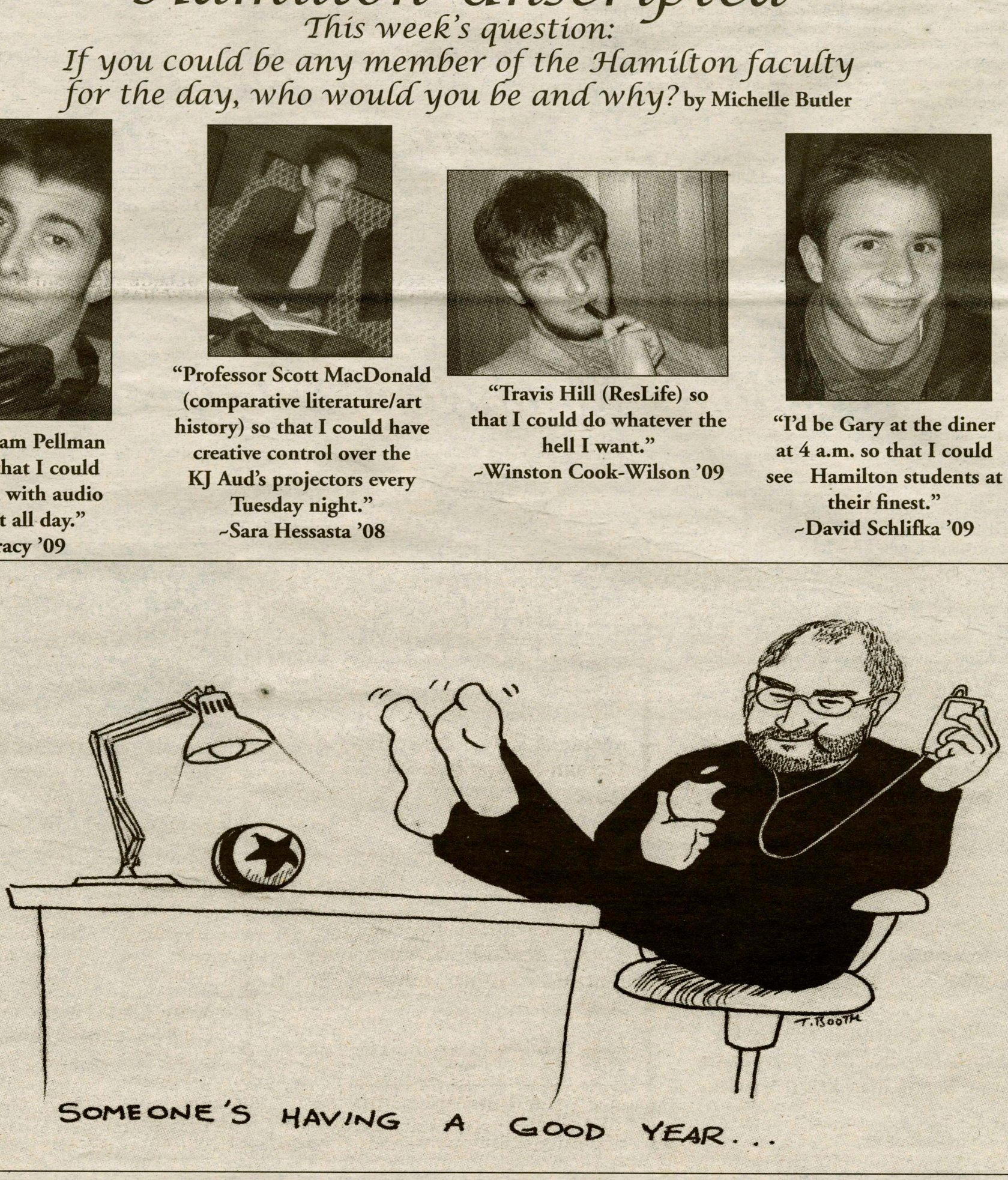
"Professor Sam Pellman (music) so that I could play around with audio equipment all day."
~Phil Tracy '09

"Professor Scott MacDonald (comparative literature/art history) so that I could have creative control over the KJ Aud's projectors every Tuesday night."
~Sara Hessasta '08

"Travis Hill (ResLife) so that I could do whatever the hell I want."
~Winston Cook-Wilson '09

"I'd be Gary at the diner at 4 a.m. so that I could see Hamilton students at their finest."
~David Schlifka '09

by Tom Booth '06



Features

The Chinese Department celebrates New Year

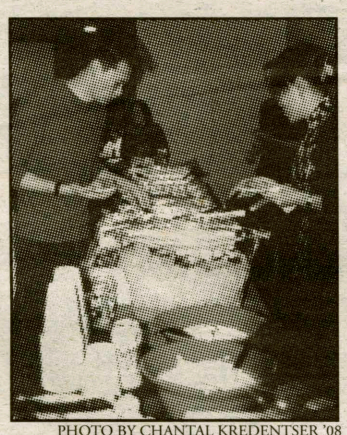
by Laura Blair '09
FEATURES WRITER

As far as Chinese holidays are concerned, Chinese New Year is probably the most widely celebrated holiday. Chinese New Year is celebrated on the first day of the lunar calendar. Unlike the American New Year's celebration, Chinese New Year is a lengthy celebration that lasts the span of 15 days. Since it's based on the lunar calendar, the dates of the celebration vary from year to year. Chinese New Year is a time to gather and spend quality time with one's family. During the celebration, family members will host dinners and have shared meals; namely a large, feast-like meal on New Year's Eve.

Typically, on the 15th day of the celebration, when the moon is supposedly the brightest of the month, a lantern festival is held. The lanterns can be very elaborate, display various patterns, and be hand-painted to show historical scenes or zodiac signs. In many cases, the main event of the lantern festival is something called the dragon dance. The dragon can be up to 100 feet in length and is usually made from a combination of silk, paper and bamboo. As part of a very old tradition, most typically young men will dance and guide the dragon through the streets of their town or city.

The Chinese New Year's celebration varies in the United States, and many immigrants have found people with whom to celebrate through Chinese-American neighborhood associations and neighborhood banquets and festivities. Also, the calendar of Chinese New Year is shortened in the United States, so that the dragon dance always takes place on a weekend.

Sarah Gross '06, recalls her time in China during the New Year's celebration. "Decorations for the New Year are always done in red because red is considered a good luck color. Also, another tradition is to light red firecrackers to scare away bad spirits. If you are in China during the Spring Festival the whole city is engulfed by the deafening noise of millions of firecrackers going off," she said.



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About 100 people attended the celebration.

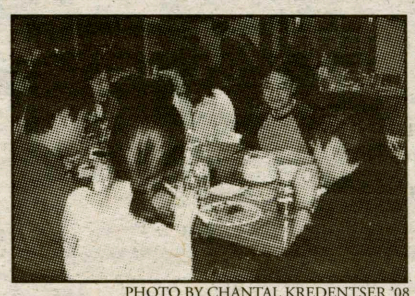
According to Thao Nguyen-Nguyen '08, the Vietnamese celebration of the New Year falls on the same days as Chinese New Year, but is different than the Chinese celebration in some important ways.

"People try to clear off all their debts before the year ends as they believe bringing debts to a new year make them indebted for the whole year. Everybody also cleans, repaints, or redecorates their house. Traditionally, the family gathers and makes "ba'nh chung" (rice cake - a traditional food for New Year) a few days before New Year," Nguyen explained.

Some of the older traditions, however, have been adapted to meet the needs of the modern, fast-paced lives that many people from Vietnamese descent lead. "These days it's hard to gather a big family together, so making the rice is often left out. However, certain practices are still followed. The non-Christians send their kitchen's gods/goddesses to Heaven on the 23rd of the last month to report on the conditions on earth. The most important part of the New Year is staying up late on the last day of the year. Many families also make offerings and pray for a better year ahead," Nguyen said.

Nguyen further explained the festivities of the celebration. "On the first day of the new year, families go to churches/temples to pray and then gather together to pay respects to the elders. Adults normally offer money in a red pack (called li xi) to the children."

Then people start visiting their relatives and friends. Students visit their teachers to thank them for passing on knowledge. Throughout the first few days of New Year (or "Tet" in Vietnamese) people normally have nicer food than normal days but it's not limited to anything. Every family normally has a tray of fruits arranged and displayed. One of the must-have fruits is watermelon, as the red color signifies good luck for the New Year. The people in the north and central of Vietnam normally have a branch of peach in their homes during Tet while the people in the south display branches of "hoa mai" (or yellow apricot flower)."



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Both students and teachers performed to bring in the New Year.

Here on campus, the New Year was celebrated this past Tuesday night at a celebration that was hosted by students and faculty in the Chinese department. The celebration attracted about 100 students, and all of the speaking and activities were in Chinese. The evening consisted of a Chinese dinner, which was followed by some New Year's songs, performed by first year Chinese students. The second year students used skits to demonstrate the customs of the Chinese New Year. An important aspect of the holiday explained by the skits was the tradition of the "hongbao," or the red envelope. Gross explained this as "a tradition where, on New Year's Day, adults give small sums of money in little red envelopes to the children to bring them good luck. At the end of the evening the Chinese teachers handed out hongbao for everyone, but instead of money there was candy."

There were also presentations of Chinese tongue twisters, Kongfu, and a presentation by those students who went to China on the Beijing program. The celebration was complete when six sets of greetings and New Year's wishes were recited, such as "remember your wealth and family," "thanks to your family for their great support always," and "share with your friends around you".

Hong Gang Jin, professor of East Asian languages and literature, believes that, "Chinese is becoming increasingly important in the global world and our Chinese program has been doing every thing possible to keep it rigorous and interactive. The New Year's celebration is a great way to extend our teaching beyond classroom and a great way to help our students experience the Chinese culture and the New Year." Jin was excited to see the students' enthusiasm and said, "The performance the students put together was great!"

Gross concluded, "The evening was very enjoyable, the food was great, and the teachers and Dana Hubbard put a great deal of effort into putting the evening together."

Hamilton's Washington, D.C. Program

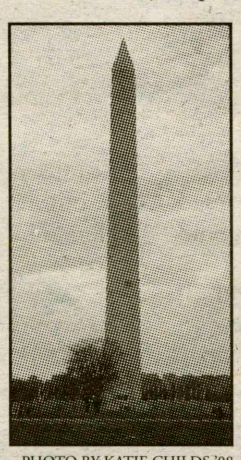
by Katie Childs '08
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For almost four decades, students have been drawn to the Hamilton Program in Washington for a combination of reasons: the chance to live in a major city, gain job related experience, and take a break from the College for a semester. "I wanted to participate in the Washington D.C. program because, as a Government major, I thought it would be very interesting to spend a semester in D.C.," said Rich Bryan '08, who is interning with the Chamber of Commerce. "It is a great opportunity to take a break from Hamilton, yet still being able to experience and learn from real work experience."

Internships

Students participate in one or two internships that count towards a college credit. The Washington semester is divided by a one-week spring break at the start of March to accommodate students who would like to pursue two different internships. The search for an internship can begin as early as six months before students arrive in Washington, D.C., since many government offices require intense background checks. Professor of Government Ted Eismeier is leading the spring 2006 program and recommended that students "think creatively about internships; which ones are most likely to serve your academic and career interests."

Bevin Kenny '07 was able to obtain an internship with her local congressman, Tim Bishop (D-NY, 1st District) within a few weeks of being notified that she would be going to Washington for the semester. Her internship has provided her a firsthand look at local politics on a national scale. "I've learned that a lot goes into keeping the constituents happy with the congressman," said Kenny, who plans on interning with a consulting firm for the second half of the semester. While Kenny enjoys learning more about the Congressional bills and the structure of the office, she has found some disadvantages to working in the small office. "It is tough meeting new people if you aren't in a large office," said Kenny.



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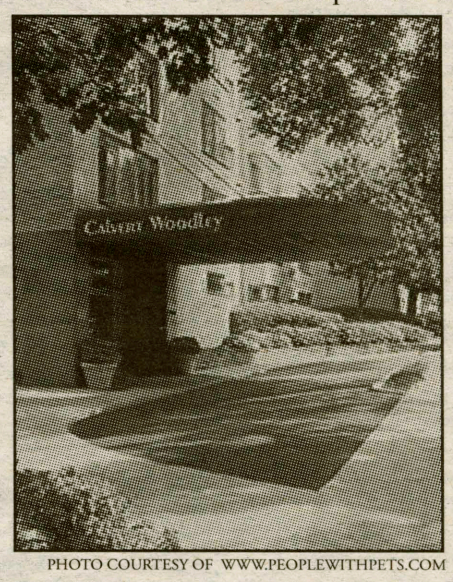
The Washington Monument.

Andrew Pisanelli '07 is also working on Capitol Hill. He is interning with Senator Patrick Leahy, a Democrat from Pisanelli's home state of Vermont. "I like getting to see the Capitol and how things work behind the scenes," said Pisanelli, "I've learned that Washington is filled with overqualified people who do seemingly meaningless things, but everything is done for a reason and is almost equally important."

Eismeier believes that one of the biggest changes with the Washington Program has been the variety of internship opportunities with media organizations, public relations, trade associations, non-governmental organizations and trade associations.

"The best part is being able to go with the COO and meet congressmen, senators, and other top political officials," said Manny Rosario '08, who is interning with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc (CHCI). Although Rosario is just two weeks into his internship, he has already had the chance to meet Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Ambassador Carlos de Icaza (Mexico) and numerous other politicians.

Past participants in the Washington Program have found the experience to be worthwhile. Jon Kuhl '06 spent the fall 2004 semester in DC as an intern for Schumer and at CNN. "You can only learn so much about politics and government in a classroom," said Kuhl. "Working in the Senate gave me the chance to see how Congress really works: what Senators do on a daily basis, how legislation is put together and who has the real power. More personally, participating in the D.C. program gave me a great deal of perspective about what I want to do with my life after Hamilton.



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The Hamilton appartments for the D.C. Program students.

Class work

In addition to the credit earned for interning, students also receive three additional credits for a seminar class, intern participant observation (IPO), and independent project, two of which count towards a government, world politics, or public policy concentration. All sixteen students meet with their professor on Wednesday mornings for a seminar; the theme for this semester is information technology and how it affects society and politics.

Afternoons are dedicated to tours of the city and meeting with speakers, including time spent at the World Bank, the Pentagon and the White House. In addition, participants will discuss campaign finance and lobbying with local Hamilton alumni. On April 5, all sixteen students will meet with Chief Justice John Roberts and spend the morning at the Supreme Court.

The IPO class meets every

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Spring Fashion on the Hill

by Nonny Chizea '08
FEATURES WRITER

Last spring on the Hill we saw the "Bohemian-Chic" look in full blast. We saw chunky African inspired necklaces, layered tops, Mary-Kate and Ashley big sunglasses, curly and wavy hair, natural make-up, and Moroccan and Egyptian inspired footwear. This look carried on into the summer and evolved a little bit for the fall. For instance, the cowboy look was reborn with a new flare, jeans tucked into slouchy boots with big Hobo bags, and distressed jeans was a must for some and a NO for others! The gaucho pants that your Mums wore back in the day found their way into your wardrobes. Finally, ballet inspires flats decorated with sequins, lace and even wool was a must for any lady. For the men, we saw more T-shirts and some wore big sunglasses. Hamilton men were more or less unaffected by the Bohemian invasion.

The big question now is what new fashions will be like on the Hill this spring. Will last spring's fashions morph into something uber-stylistic? Will the polo shirt with the popped collar die? Probably not! Will boys in pink shorts with blue whales, yellow shirts and a purple belt with dolphins trade in the Nantucket look for Versace or Dior? Not in a million years! The best way to find out what exactly will happen was to interview my fellow Hamiltonians.

I asked myself, where will I find people with a sense of fashion? I turned to the athletic training room because athletes are never caught wearing Nike sweatpants and an Adidas sweatshirt!

The first question I asked was, "What will spring fashion be like on the Hill this semester?" The responses varied greatly.

"I have no idea, wait till spring," Pumla Sathula '08, a basketball player, commented.

"Stop being greasy and bust out the sexy skirts," said Andre Decristoforo '08, a hockey player.

"We don't have spring up here," commented Scott Siddon and Patrick Giruzzi, athletic trainers.

"Versace suits, Prada shoes, Carolina H dresses for girls and if it costs less than a grand, don't wear it," Alex Saks '08 and Kevin Bancroft '08 said.

For the next question, I decided to ask a different set of Hamilton students, so I took a tour around campus. I asked them, "How has the warm weather altered your winter wardrobe?"

"I can wear sweaters now" Paul Torres '06 noted.

"Well, it's actually still cold, but I bought a hoodie to go over my t-shirts because I don't have lots of sweaters," Donell Hutson '06 said.

"I don't wear thick sweaters under my coat," said another student.

"Knee-length sweaters instead of jackets; I have no style," said Lauren Shugrue '08.

It seemed to me that some people on campus were really excited about wearing sweaters, while some people opted for hoodies.

I decided to do some research of my own by accessing Style. com, which previews the latest fashions and other wonderful fashion related issues. According to Style.com, spring fashion will be in six different categories.

They are as follows:

1. Bold prints include "vivid African motifs and psychedelic motifs."
2. The innocent look includes "lace [tops] and embroidery"
3. The Kimono look "draws inspiration from movies like *2046* and *Memoirs of a Geisha.* [The look includes] platforms and robes with ribbons [tied on either side]."
4. The New Sexy look focuses on sultry skin-revealing dresses, which should be perfect for parties.
5. The Reinvented Pantsuit is back in, but definitely not the same comeback from the eighties because it is a different mix. Yves St. Laurent adds a Spanish flare of bolero jackets and cropped pants.
6. Shirt dressing is channeling the seventies. Think oversized shirts with a cropped sweater or fitted dress shirt with a chunky belt across the waist.

I definitely see styles two and six on the Hill. I am not to sure about the others, but I can guarantee that I will try them.

As for the men, GQ.com previewed designers like Alexander McQueen's three piece suit meshed with a Lacoste look. Paul Smith mixed the Cowboy look (tight jeans, big belt and waist-coat) with Rock 'n Roll (long and short suede fur-collared jackets).

This spring will probably bring about some small changes in fashion on the Hill. Whatever you decide to wear this spring, wear it with sass and wear it with pride!

The Spring Styles

1. Bold prints

2. Lace and embroidery

3. The kimono look with platforms and robes

4. Skin-revealing dresses

5. The pantsuit bolero jackets and cropped pants

6. Dress shirts with big belts

7. The cowboy look

8. The rock 'n' roll look

Sudoku puzzle of the week

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER

Hundreds of newspapers around the world have been publishing daily Sudoku puzzles that push people to use logic and reasoning skills. People from all over have found themselves addicted to Sudoku and countless websites are now devoted to the subject.

The Sudoku puzzles that have taken the world by storm started in Japan as a form of crosswords. *Su* means "number" in Japanese and *doku* means "bachelor" or "single," so loosely translated, Sudoku means "single number."

The rules of the game are easy. Just place the digits 1 through 9 in the cells of the puzzles so that each digit appears only once in each square, row and column.

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From "Super Sudoku, Book 2," by James E. Riley, PhD. Published by Good Year Books, 2005.

Recyclemania, 2006!

by Ellen Horbet '06
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

This week kicks off Recyclemania 2006, a recycling competition that spans the nation in search of the top recycling school. The project began in 2001 when Ohio and Miami Universities competed to increase their recycling rates and decrease total waste materials. Since then, the competition has expanded to include 93 colleges and universities in 35 states!

During a 10-week period, each school will compete to collect the largest amount of recyclables, the least amount of trash, and have the highest recycling rate. Founders Ed Newman (Ohio University) and Stacey Edmonds Wheeler (Miami University) began this tradition in order to create a "fun, proactive activity [for] waste reduction," according to their website. But it's not all fun and games: as the competition expands across the United States, Recyclemania has provided some serious benefits on the recycling front. Though there's only one winner, all the schools have increased recycling and decreased their amounts of trash; student awareness is a win for everyone involved.

A glance around Hamilton reveals that we're aware of our recycling capabilities and obligations: every campus building is equipped with paper, container, five-cent deposits and trash bins. But Recyclemania data shows that some campus buildings produce more trash than others. According to Recyclemania's website, "Residence and dining halls have been the largest producers of campus-waste—from 30-70 percent of campus trash." The website also states that,"up to half of all residence hall trash is recyclable." Check out your recycling bins now to ensure you make the right choice.

Participating schools report pounds of recycling and trash amounts each week, and are eligible for two separate contests. The first, "Per Capita Classic," motivates schools to collect the largest amount of recyclables per person. The second contest, "Waste Minimization," is to produce the least amount of solid municipal waste, including recyclables and trash, per person.

This is Hamilton's second year as a "Recyclemaniac." Last year we greatly improved our recycling rates, setting records unseen in Hamilton's history. According to Terry Hawkridge, Assistant Director of Physical Plant, our goal this season is to reach a recycling rate of 30%, a 5% increase from last year's statistics.

Hamilton is joined by fellow NESCAC schools Amherst, Bowdoin, Colby and Connecticut.

The Recycling Task Force and Physical Plant will monitor Hamilton's status and report findings each week in the "How Hot is our Recycling?" poster in Beineke. You can view our progress yourself; just swing by Beineke to check out our stats! The Recycling Task Force urges everyone to get involved by brushing up on important recycling information and helping to spread the word. Let's go Hamilton!

Editor's note:
If you would like more information about Recyclemania, please contact Terry Hawkridge at thawkrid

Focus on Fitness: alternative workouts

by Michelle Butler '06
FEATURES WRITER

Despite my various complaints about the notorious "gym rush," I still tend to grab my sneakers and scurry over to the machines at 4 p.m. After a school day of work, class, meetings, etc., by 4 p.m. I am raring to go get on that treadmill to banish any stress or anxiety I might be feeling. Even when I've had a perfectly calm day, I still enjoy working up a sweat and releasing some of my energy.

However, in case last week's column was not fully effective in persuading the crowd of new exercisers to find an alternative gym time, I am fully prepared for the day I decide the 4 p.m. rush has truly become unbearable. 4 p.m. is often the most convenient and available slot of time in my schedule, so why should I allow masses of other people to impinge upon my physical (and mental) upkeep?

I have created a number of options and activities to satisfy my exercise needs that do not require sharing an elliptical or dumbbell with every other gym attendee. And as promised, I am most certainly willing to share them with those of you who loathe the gym for one reason or another, maybe because you too abhor the crowds. These options are also good for those who are simply bored with their usual routine. Something to keep in mind: it has been proven that people work out longer and more often doing something they enjoy as opposed to something mindless or excruciating that they dread.

I remember sitting in my freshman dorm room, recovering after an exhausting volleyball season, and thinking the last thing I wanted to do was to go running. I perused the Hamilton website for athletic facility listings, and interestingly discovered that students have free access to Bristol Pool Monday-Friday 1-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday 8-9 p.m., and on weekends from 2:30-4:30 p.m.. So I dug out my swim suit, goggles, and swim cap, and decided to test it out.

The Bristol Pool is adequately maintained, there are always lifeguards on duty, and you can even use the diving boards! Though I fell in love with it the first day I went, I currently do not go as often as I would like since all my classes meet in the afternoons, and I usually have extracurricular activities in the evenings. Yet I highly suggest that you take advantage of this facility to cross-train without rendering much damage to your joints. As a chronic sufferer of tendonitis in my right knee and both Achilles tendons, I quickly learned that swimming provides a rigorous cardiovascular workout involving much less pain. You can swim laps, or bring a friend and have races, or even have a diving board contest, and still get a good workout.

Speaking of joints, most of the forms of exercise I use as an alternative to running are relatively low-impact, thus ensuring I will not inflict any unnecessary damage to my bones and joints. I do this in the hopes that later in life I will have enough strength to keep up with my grandchildren. A particularly good form of low-impact exercise that is less strenuous on the joints is walking. Sure, we walk around campus from class to class all day, but the same route can get monotonous.

To mix things up, there is nothing like a walk around the Griffin road loop or in the Glen to suck in some fresh air and get the heart pumping. There are four and six mile loops that start from Campus Road and end on College Hill Road. They are the same if you begin on Campus Road, walking from Bristol Center in the direction of North Lot and the golf course. The difference occurs at the sign for Griffin Road: to do the six-miler, you keep going straight up a steep hill and eventually turn left onto College Hill Road, or you can turn there at the sign onto Griffin Road to end the four-miler. Entrances for the Glen are located behind Admissions, Root Lot and Minor Field. Walking in the midst of nature can be peaceful and quiet, which you might need after a busy day of work, class and the hubbub at Commons. Or you could always walk into Clinton to do errands, which is better exercise than driving and avoids wasting gas.

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As much as I love to take walks and swim, my real escape occurs daily in my own room. I will now publicly admit, that I am, in fact, a yoga geek. Upon discovering how I spend some of my free time doing yoga, my guy friends give me a quizzical look and ask me if I sit and meditate, or if I twist and hold weird poses while chanting like Buddha. I understand these are typical stereotypical views of yoga, and I too once held the same light-hearted skepticism. I thoroughly enjoy experimenting with Tae-bo and Pilates videos and have even considered spinning. But nothing has been as rewarding as the first yoga class I took, propelling me into daily practice that continually invigorates my body, mind and soul.

There are so many different forms of yoga out there, ranging from merely sitting and engaging in meditation and reflection, to forms that require rapid breathing and/or challenging poses that will have your muscles shaking and screaming for rest. To find the best yoga style for you, check out http://www.yogajournal.com and click on the "new to yoga" section. There you will find expert advice on everything from the history and origins of yoga to hints on finding time for your practice. The Yoga Journal website, in general, is a vast wealth of information that everyone and anyone would find intriguing. The cross-training section would be of particular interest for athletes because it gives a specific set of strengthening exercises for each sport. For example, I learned that yoga's relaxation techniques and poses aimed at strengthening the knees, hip flexors and lower back, have dramatically improved my running performance.

So if the wind is blasting snow against your dorm window, and the thought of exposing even a sliver of your vulnerable skin has driven you under your blankets and thus away from the gym, consider turning to yoga (or Pilates or Tae-bo) so that you can still enjoy the benefits of daily exercise. If you have some spare cash, you could always invest in some exercise aids. I myself keep a medicine ball, an elastic tube band, and a couple dumbbells in my room to use on my non-gym days.

If you can face the cold, but are feeling plain bored at the gym, you could always sign up for the multitude of physical education classes offered by the athletic department. They offer everything from golf to water aerobics to yoga. In addition, there are many clubs on campus that could expose you to alternative exercise, such as the competitive club-level sports teams (hockey, basketball, soccer, etc.), fencing, capoeira, tae kwon do, Tropical Sol and even a yoga club.

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There's also the best option, which I saved for last: turn up the speakers on your computer or I-Pod, select some intense energetic music (maybe early 90s dance mixes, or perhaps that Britney Spears song you publicly swore against but secretly adore), and have a dance party. Yes, a dance party, by yourself, or with a friend if you feel comfortable enough. Or you could always pop "Dance Dance Revolution" into your X-box or Playstation. It's never too early to practice those dance moves for the next Bundy party, and let's be honest, who doesn't instantly feel a surge of energetic silliness when their favorite rowdy song comes on?

Whatever you decide to do in your attempt to branch out from the sauna that is the fitness center, I hope you can find something to capture your interest.

Where to Eat: Tex Mex

by Sam Gitlitz '08
FEATURES WRITER

Most of the campus is familiar with Tex-Mex. Every time I've been in at least half of the place is packed with students or faculty. It certainly is an experience eating dinner next to the career center counselor you had a meeting with not five hours before. The restaurant is on the smaller side, with small tables and booths, but festively painted and decorated. It manages to combine the small town feel of upstate New York, (local news clippings dot the refrigerator), and the fiesta atmosphere of Mexico. The beer choice illustrates that point the best. Corona and Dos Equis or Saranac. It should be noted that customers actually place their own order at the till, but food is brought to your table by a server.

The menu at Tex-Mex is fairly typical of that of an American/Mexican restaurant. Burritos, tacos, enchiladas and nachos all feature prominently. The burrito weighs in at 1 pound, nothing out of the ordinary; for an extra 75 cents you can boost your burrito to the monster burrito. The menu claims that the monster burrito is twice the size of the regular, but I swear that mine was at least three pounds. Burritos come with a choice of meat, rice, refried beans, and salsa. My monster was topped with a cheese/tomato/cream sauce which I wasn't really expecting, but in the end was pretty good. The *platas* at Tex-Mex provide a mixture of entrees for those of us who can't decide on one. One of the specials, I think it's the Rio Grande, gives diners three different chicken dishes. The combination of one enchilada, one taco, and a deep fried taco is sure to hit the spot: throw on a scoop of guacamole and you're all set.

Tex-Mex is a great place to eat on the cheap. Most of the dishes are under $8 and more than satisfying. On my last trip I had the monster burrito, a side dish of guacamole, and a coke for $10.50, by far the best ratio of food per dollar around. While you wait for your dinner, baskets of nachos are available to munch on. The nachos are homemade in the kitchen, so they do come out on the oily side, but they are well worth the extra calories.

Tex-Mex does offer delivery service to campus, though I believe the order must exceed $45, and you must allow two hours for it to get there. So for anyone planning a Super Bowl party it would be well worth your money. The Rio Grande Tex-Mex Grill is both loved by students and locals. For their food, service and décor I give them three out of five stars.

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Know the facts about ...

Democrats and Republicans Clubs

by Paul Bleiberg '06
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

The Hamilton campus is a long way from the dynamic and inharmonious political scene in Washington, D.C., but the members of the Hamilton College Democrats and Republicans organizations are doing their part to bring politics and current issues to the campus.

In keeping with recent tradition, the College Democrats are planning an array of events for the semester, designed to increase political interest on the Hamilton campus. According to President and founder Jon Kuhl '06, "Any successful club is about more than just having meetings. It's about getting people involved to take initiatives on their own, so that they feel like they're a part of something."

Resurrected three years ago, the Hamilton College Democrats aim "to make our campus as politically aware and active as possible," says Kuhl. The organization has sponsored and hosted many different sorts of events to further these goals.

To increase political awareness, the College Democrats have sponsored faculty panels on several important issues, such as same-sex marriage and the Bush presidency. These events have attracted large crowds and invited stimulating discussion on pertinent issues. The club will host similar faculty panels and brown-bag lunches this semester.

This semester, the Democrats plan to present several renowned speakers to the campus. On Saturday, February 18, Sean Patrick Maloney, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for New York State Attorney General, will speak at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Also, the organization is aiming to bring U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton and current New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer to campus this spring.

To increase political participation on campus, the College Democrats have sponsored voter registration drives and campaigning trips for previous elections. In January 2004, members of the organization traveled to New Hampshire to campaign for Democratic presidential candidates John Kerry and Howard Dean.

This semester, the club is meeting with potential candidates for the Democratic nomination for the 24th Congressional district, which includes Hamilton College. The Democrats have already met with Les Roberts, a health and human rights advocate.

The organization will also be meeting with Michael Arcuri, the Oneida County District Attorney. After meeting with potential candidates, the Democrats may lend their support to one of them, giving Hamilton students the opportunity actively campaign for one of the district's candidates.

According to Kuhl, "At most of our meetings, we have about 15 to 20 people, which I think is good, but I'd love to see more new people come." While the Democrats have maintained a strong presence on campus in recent years, the club continues to strive to generate more political enthusiasm.

Likewise, the College Republicans are planning a variety of events for the upcoming semester. While the organization has existed for several years, the Republicans are planning to hit the ground running this spring and increase conservative enthusiasm on campus.

"It's nice to know that there are other conservatives here on campus in such a liberal environment," says Ben Noble '08, the President of the College Republicans.

That said, the Republicans have several plans to get out the conservative voice this semester. The organization intends to resurrect *The Right*, a conservative-minded newsletter that allows Hamilton students to read and write about Republican and conservative viewpoints on issues.

The club will host several events this semester; it has already sponsored one success. This Tuesday, the Republicans invited the Hamilton community to the Little Pub to watch President Bush's State of the Union. The viewing generated a strong turnout, filling the better part of the Pub's upper level.

In recent years, the Republicans have co-sponsored debates with the College Democrats to encourage an exchange of viewpoints. In the past, the clubs have debated on issues such as the Iraq war, the economy, and others surrounding the 2004 election. The club plans to host similar events this spring.

The Republicans intend to continue their involvement with local politicians. This past fall, members of the organization campaigned for Judy L. Plumley, the Republican candidate for the Oneida County Surrogate's Court Judge. The club hopes to invite Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, Hamilton College's Representative in Washington, to speak on campus.

The College Republicans meet on alternate Mondays at 8 p.m. in Benedict 104 and the College Democrats meet on alternate Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the ELS Meeting Room.

Professor Profile: Hong Gang Jin

Professor of Chinese and Associate Professor of Associated Colleges in China Program

by Liz Ursell '09
FEATURES WRITER

Hamilton College has one of the most prestigious Chinese language programs in the country. Prior to the arrival of Professor Hong Gang Jin, however, there was no Chinese department or study abroad program. Jin, who earned her B.A. at Shanxi University in China and her Ph.D. at the University of Illinois, came to the United States through Oberlin College. "I was amazed by the student-teacher interaction and the creative atmosphere of the college," said Jin. While studying during the Cultural Revolution in China, there were very few foreign professors, and only a rigid, lecture-based setting. "Because the Cultural Revolution had just started, we were the very first group of students to take the entrance exams," she said. Jin not only took advantage of the rare opportunity to gain a higher education, but also learned the value of hard work through a grueling job as a train conductor in Shanxi.

As a native of China who grew up under such circumstances, Jin provided the perspective needed to initiate a rigorous Chinese program. The Chinese curriculum remains one of Hamilton's strongest academic assets. A typical Chinese language student will spend 15-20 minutes each week in a one-on-one discussion and must be willing to devote him or herself to conversational practice. "Chinese is an LD (language difficulty) 4 language, meaning that it is three times harder to learn than Western Languages," Jin said. "I sacrifice my own time, and so must the students," she added. Jin especially focuses on problematic areas for English-speaking students, such as tone and the learning of characters. She currently teaches first through fourth term Chinese and Advanced Chinese. In the past, she has taught courses in linguistics, Chinese literature and contemporary China.

Jin believes strongly in the total immersion of a Chinese student in his or her studies to become comfortable with the language. Her main concern is a lack of human resources necessary to becoming fluent in Chinese. Chinese students require more time to practice speaking and writing than students studying Western languages, which explore literature much earlier in the curriculum. To aid in this process, "I do not speak English at all with my students," she stated.

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Professor Hong Gang Jin

In 1996, Jin helped establish the Associated Colleges in China Program to compliment the challenging classes at Hamilton. The study abroad program emphasizes three learning styles: individualized attention, interactive teaching and intensive study. The program is so renowned that it draws students from over 30 colleges and universities, such as Yale, Colby and Smith. Located in Beijing, the curriculum has trained approximately 1,000 students to become proficient in Mandarin Chinese.

Jin has also co written many books in her career, including "Chinese Breakthrough-Learning Chinese Language through TV" and "Newspapers and Realities of Chinese Society and Culture." Most of her publications emphasize the writing process and learning of Chines ,"through a native speaker's eyes, rather than from a Westerner to Westerner perspective," she said. "The Psychology of Language Development" compares the processes of learning English and Chinese languages. Future works from Jin concerning Chinese culture are underway. "China in the 90's" will discuss current issues in Chinese society, such as the single child policy and privatization. "First Language Acquisition by Chinese Children in Different Language Settings" will study the language development of two Chinese children over a two-year period.

In addition to her extensive academic work and publications, Jin received the Hamilton Class of 1963 Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1994. She also won the 1998 Baccalaureate Professor of the Year award from the Carnegie Foundation. After coming to teach at Hamilton in 1989, Jin attended conferences all over the U.S. and in China. Her papers addressed multimedia and interactive Chinese language instruction and were presented at places ranging from Princeton University to Beijing and Shanghai.

When Jin is not devoting herself to teaching, she likes to spend time with her 9-year-old daughter. "I enjoy being a mom," she said. Meanwhile, she continues to promote Chinese because "...with the increase in the Chinese population, our economy and national security depend on learning the language," Jin emphasized.

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Phil sees his shadow, but it feels like spring has arrived.

by Whitney Kimmel '08
FEATURES EDITOR

Weather on the Hill has taken an unseasonable twist. The week we returned to Hamilton after winter break temperatures reached nearly 60 degrees, followed by several weeks of blistering cold and snow. January Admittance students wondered whether all the rumors they heard about Hamilton winters and "the lake effect" were actually true.

Although it was partially cloudy on Groundhog Day, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, forecasting several more months of winter ahead. The high in Punxsutawney, PA on February 2 was 51 degrees, suggesting that Phil might be misinformed this year. But is that really the case?

In Clinton, NY temperatures have ranged from 46 degrees this week to a predicted low of 14 degrees on the seventh. These previews of spring have often been accompanied by plunges in temperature within a few days.

This past weekend, students surfaced from their dorms to enjoy the warm weather, making the festivities around Babbitt circle seem more appropriate for Class and Charter Day than the beginning of February. Lorraine Sperling '08 commented, "I'm loving the warm days, but it's a bit of a teaser."

Other students aren't nearly as enthusiastic about upstate New York's mild winter. The average monthly temperature for January and February in Clinton is a high of 29 degrees and a low of 14 degrees. Skeptic, John Pappano '06 believes that "the warm weather may be an indication of global warming." He quickly added that he was enjoying the heat but, "there is something very unnatural about it."

The weather is certainly confusing, and choosing a heavy jacket vs. a light coat has become quite a task with the ever-changing weather. A word of advice: layer up so you can strip down and keep an extra scarf handy in case an unexpected cold-front moves your way.

10-day look at the strange weather on the Hill
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Hamilton's program in Washington D.C.

*from **D.C.**, page 10*

Thursday night in alternating apartments to debate a current political issue. Each week, four students write a position paper on the issue, which all participants read before class. Three students serve as commentators on the issue, and another takes on the role of moderator during the debate.

The final credit for the semester is earned by completing an independent research paper, which is completed by the end of the term. The paper will be twenty pages in length and draw on the unique resources available in Washington and at internship locations. Work on the paper will continue independently throughout the semester, with periodic due dates to check in on progress.

Living Arrangements

Hamilton rents four apartments in the Calvert-Woodley Apartments, located in the Northwest part of Washington, D.C. Each apartment has a living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Four students live in each apartment; this semester, there are two co-ed apartments and two single-sex apartments to accommodate the eight men and eight women participating in the program. The apartment building was recently renovated and includes a fitness center, laundry room and dry cleaning service. In addition, complimentary coffee and tea is available every day before work in the lobby. The neighborhood surrounding the Calvert-Woodley apartments includes a diverse array of restaurants, a market, dry cleaners and a Metro station, which grants easy access to the rest of the city. Within walking distance are Adams Morgan, the National Zoo, Dupont Circle and Cleveland Park.

"The best parts about living in D.C. are the food, bars and ladies," said Pisanelli, who added that everything is more expensive in D.C. than in Clinton.

The city is easy to navigate and students have taken advantage of the many D.C. attractions that are free to visitors and residents, including the Smithsonian, Library of Congress, Capitol Building and monuments. In addition, Georgetown is just a Metro ride and short walk away, and offers great shopping and sightseeing opportunities.

Informational Meeting

The Washington Program is open to all rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. Information sessions for students interested in participating in the Washington Program during the 2006-2007 academic year will be held on February 9 in the Red Pit at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. There are no prerequisites for application, although completion of GOVT116 American Political Process is recommended.

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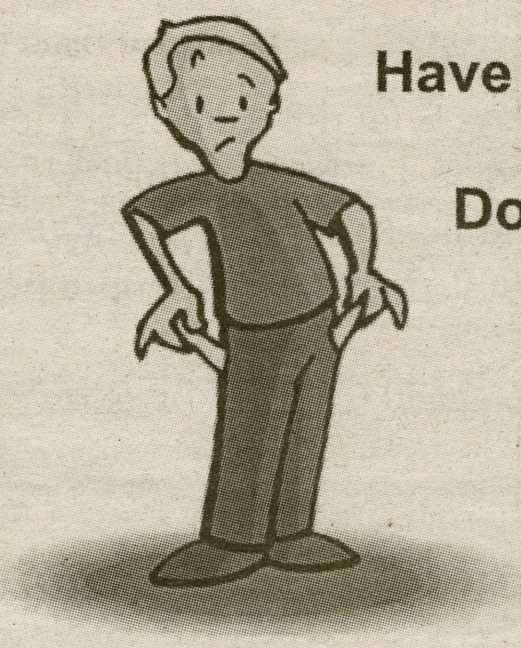

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Arts & Entertainment

"A Million Little Pieces"

By Victoria Schacht '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Countless news and entertainment sources ,from National Public Radio to Larry King, pounced on the James Frey catastrophe during January. On the 8th of the month, "The Smoking Gun" published its findings on Frey's memoir, "A Million Little Pieces," revealing that the author filled his supposed nonfiction work with innumerable fictitious details. Frey's book, though ranked on the *New York Times* Bestseller list for eighteen weeks and still this week rated number two in nonfiction, faced the scorn of millions of his readers, including Oprah, when the truth came out. Frey had lied, over and over again.

Sure, the basic story is true: Frey describes in harrowing detail his time spent as a cracked-out, law-breaking drug-addict and his subsequent rehabilitation at the Hazelden treatment center. But "Smoking Gun," after conducting a six-week investigation of the "facts" Frey presents in his book, revealed that Frey wildly embellished his accounts of time spent in jail and the charges brought against him.

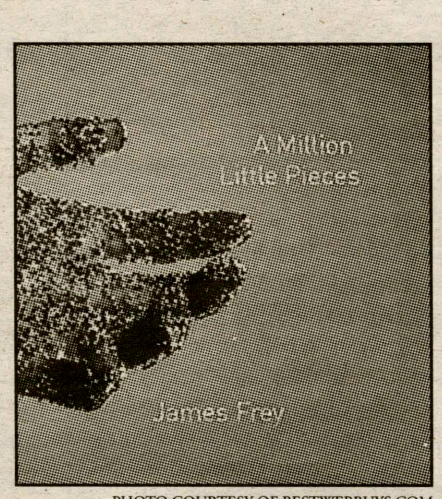
The ordeal seems to have been most dramatic because of the Oprah element: she initially extolled "A Million Little Pieces" and all its gritty detail, making it her latest selection for the ever-popular Oprah's Book Club in October. After the real story came out, the talk show host first defended Frey, claiming to Larry King that despite "Smoking Gun's" findings, Frey's book still contained a powerful "underlying message of redemption." But last Thursday during her show, Oprah changed her attitude, admitting, "I feel duped," and telling Frey, "I feel that you betrayed millions of readers."

While Frey appears unbearably self-righteous and I'd rather not comment on most books that stores like Wal-Mart pile to the ceiling, I'd like to raise an important detail that angry, "duped" readers tend to overlook. When Frey initially wrote the book, he advertised it to publishers as "a novel." The problem was Frey couldn't score a book deal until Doubleday decided to publish "Pieces" as nonfiction. This element of the story really intrigues me more than the rest. Doubleday knew the book would be a hit if it fell under the nonfiction/memoir category, and they knew this because readers of popular literature love "true stories."

For instance, three out of five of last week's bestsellers are either nonfiction or purported to be nonfiction (I'm taking liberties with the novel "Memoirs of a Geisha" because its title suggests a "true story.") When shows like "American Idol" and "Extreme Makeover" lie at the top of the most-viewed charts and "memoirs" dominate the book market, does it not make us intellectuals wonder why? Whatever happened to good old-fashioned fiction? What is it about the claim of truth in entertainment that so engages 21st century consumers?

The population's obsession with this type of almost-voyeurism perplexes me. I do not see the connection between a book being "true" and it being praiseworthy or even respectable. "A Million Little Pieces" and its peers, like Dave Eggers's "Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius," are novels. Let them be novels. Anyone who has ever studied literature knows that novelists often use real-life experiences in their fiction.

This is not a new concept. Stories do not need to be true to inspire or move us as readers; they just need to be well-written. It seems to me that today's writers should rely more on their own artistic talent instead of leaning on the crutch of, "based on a true story."



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According to Oprah "A Million Little Pieces" "duped" many readers.

Acoustic Coffeehouse

By Nicole Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

On January 26, Hamilton College was host to two acoustic performers, Brett Dennen and Mark Geary, brought here by CAB and Student Activities.

The evening opened with Brett Dennen, a twenty-seven year old baby-faced crooner who looked no older than twelve, despite his tall stature. As I watched him, I wondered if he ever needed to shave. Most likely not.

Even though he looked like a prepubescent boy and spoke like one when he was not singing (very stuttery and high-pitched), Dennen had a smooth, melodic singing voice and very poetic lyrics. He reminded me of a cross between Jack Johnson and John Mayer, with middling stage presence.

Dennen, an Oakland, California native, is about to embark on tour with Dave Matthews and company; his sound is very similar to DMB, except there is only Dennen and his drummer, Randy. During his performance, he employed the ska technique, where he would just jam in the middle of the song, which added to the flavor of his show. You can learn even more about Brett Dennen or buy his self-titled album on his website: www.brettdennen.com.

The main act, Mark Geary was the single most genuine, kind person and artist I've ever met. He had an honest approach to not only his music, but also his interaction with the audience. He was well-spoken, funny and charming and had a strong stage presence despite his small stature.

A native of Ireland, Geary's music has relatable lyrics and of course, the charming Irish accent. He reminded me of James Taylor in his music and his charm as well as his style. His voice was at times throaty, at times airy, but always powerful. He is a true entertainer: good music, funny anecdotes and amusing games with his pedals (one of his final songs, looped the different parts so that he put his guitar down and walked off-stage with an innocent look while the music was still going.)

Mark Geary is currently on tour of the East Coast, playing shows in Massachusetts and New York City. He has also scored the music for two movies at the Sundance Film Festival this year, including "Steel City" and "Loggerheads." Geary's current albums include "Ghosts," "33 1/3 Grand Street," "America (Revisited)" as well as the soundtracks for "Loggerheads" and "Steel City." If you'd like to learn more about this wonderful artist, you can learn even more about Mark Geary on his website: www.markgeary.com.

Upcoming CAB events include the NYC bus trip this Saturday, February 4, a screening of "The Goonies" on February 10, and FebFest events that include comedian Mark Birbiglia, Ellis Paul, and Matchbook Romance.

Marian Anderson String Quartet comes to Hamilton

By Paul Bleiberg '06
Arts & Entertainment Writer

The Classical Connections Series at Hamilton College presents the Marian Anderson String Quartet on Friday, February 10, at 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. The ensemble will perform works by Coleridge Taylor Perkinson, Dmitry Shostakovich and Johannes Brahms.

For more than a decade, the Marian Anderson String Quartet has brought inspiration and hope to every segment of American society, with performance venues ranging from the concert stage to the soup kitchens and from presidential inaugurals to juvenile correctional facilities.

On September 30, 1989, the members of the Marian Anderson String Quartet, then known as the Chaminade Quartet, came together, unaware that they would soon change history. It was in 1991, however, that the quartet won the International Cleveland Quartet Competition, becoming the first African American ensemble in history to ever win a classical music competition. To highlight this singular achievement, the members of the quartet asked permission of the great contralto, Marian Anderson, to use her name as their own.

The Marian Anderson String Quartet's artistic endeavors have brought them to such venues as New York's Alice Tully Hall, the Corcoran Gallery, the Library of Congress, the Cleveland Institute of Music, Kilbourn Hall, The University of Southern California and the Chateau Cantanac-Brown in Bordeaux, France.

On January 20, 1993, they performed at Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center as part of the 52nd presidential inaugural celebration. Driven by their belief in the power of education, the Quartet has also performed in hundreds of churches, libraries, museums, soup kitchens and prisons. They are currently the Ensemble in Residence at Texas A&M University and Quartet in Residence with the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra in Bryan/College Station, Texas.

First violinist Marianne Henry has toured extensively as a founding member of the Marian Anderson String Quartet. A native of New Orleans, she holds both a bachelor and Master's of Music in violin performance from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. She has served on the faculties of the Harlem School for the Arts, New York City College, and California State University, Los Angeles. Henry has been a soloist on KUSC Radio's Sundays at Four, and a featured soloist with the List-Glenn Festival Orchestra, The South-Central Chamber Orchestra, and the Afro-American Symphony. She has been involved in a myriad of other orchestra work, including "Phantom of the Opera," the Academy Award Orchestra and The American Music Awards.

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Marian Anderson String Quartet.

Nicole Cherry, violin, is a native of Washington, D.C. A graduate of the Julliard School with a Master's of Music in violin performance, she performs in concerts and educational seminars that explore the essence of European classical music. Noted for her ability to play in many different styles, Cherry has shared the stage with a diverse list of artists such as the Audubon String Quartet and famed pop diva Whitney Houston. In the United States, she has performed in such venues as the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Center, the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. Her past performances in Europe, the Middle East and Asia include a tour as a featured soloist in Israel, Egypt, Jordan and South Africa.

Another founding member of the Quartet, as well as teacher and public speaker, violist Diedra Lawrence has shared her passion for chamber music through both her instrument and the spoken word. A native of New York City, she received her bachelor's degree from the Manhattan School of Music and a Master's degree from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music. She has held teaching positions at the City College of New York, the Bowdoin Music Festival and California State University, Los Angeles. Lawrence has been a guest artist with the Southwest Chamber Ensemble and performed as concerto soloist for both the List-Glenn Chamber Music Festival and the Symphony Camerata. Additionally, she has performed live on KUSC Radio's Sundays at Four.

Prudence McDaniel, cello, is a native of Des Moines, Iowa. She holds a bachelor of music from Drake University, a Master's of Music from the Manhattan School of Music and an artist diploma from Duquesne University. McDaniel has performed as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician throughout the United State and Portugal. Through participation in the Minority Orchestra Fellowship Program, she was a section cellist with both the Houston and New York Philharmonic Orchestras. She has also been a principal cellist with the River Cities Symphony Orchestra, the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and an associate member of the Columbus Symphony.

Tickets for this performance are $15 general admission, $10 for senior citizens and $5 for students. All seating is general admission. For more information or tickets, call the box office at (315) 859-4331, 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

Streetlight Manifesto brings back ska music

By Jeffrey Naeem '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

At the start of the 21st centurey, it was a fairly safe assumption to claim that the musical genre of "ska" was in fact dead and taken over by the new "emo," or emotional, punk movement.

Enter, Streetlight Manifesto. Thomas Kalnoky had only left temporarily to pursue higher education and was back on the scene to create a Keasbey Nights round two, officially known as Everything Went Numb.

The album commences with "Everything Goes Numb," containing an absolutely infectious horn riff coupled with a classic ska feel and tremendous energy. One thing Streetlight executes marvelously is their ability to completely slow the tempo, almost stop the song, create excellent build up, and then go full force once again. While the opening song was very cheerful, Streetlight switches it up and creates a very pointed and angry song with the proceeding track, "That'll be the Day." However, the energy does not waver in the least.

This album is frequently referred to as "Keasbey Nights" round two due largely to the fact that the third tracks on both albums ("Keasbey Nights" and "Point/Counterpoint") deal with guns and bulletproof vests and contain lyrical similarities. In "Keasbey Nights" Kalnoky sings, "when they come for me I'll be sitting at my desk with a gun in my hand wearing a bullet proof vest singing my my my how the time does fly when you know you're going to die by the end of the night." In "Point/ Counterpoint" Kalnoky sings, "With a vest on my chest, a bullet in my lung, I can't believe I'm dying with my song unsung. And if and when I die won't you bury me alone? 'Cause I'll never get to heaven if I'm singing this song." In many of Streetlight's concerts, they intertwine lyrics of the two songs together for the die-hard Catch 22 fans and just for fun.

After this epic song, Streetlight takes it down a notch and proceeds with a one minute slow build up in the song "If and When We Rise Again" and then explodes once again with blaring horns and soaring guitars. "A Better Place, A Better Time" exemplifies Streetlight's dedication to the anti-Suicide movement with the lyrics, "and when you wake up everything is going to be fine/ I guarantee that you wake up in a better place and in a better time/ so you're tired of living and you feel like you might give in/ well don't it's not your time." The song concludes, "and even if it was,/ I wouldn't let you go/ you could run run run but I will follow close/ someday you will say 'that's it, that's all'/ but I'll be waiting there with open arms to break your fall I know that you think that you're on your own/ but just know that I'm here/ and I'll lead you home/ if you let me/ she said 'forget me'/ but I can't…"

This hopeful tone is only furthered with the song, "We are the Few," when Kalnoky affirms, "this has been the best night of my life,/ this has been the best night of my life,/ I could have lost my life/ and I would have lost my mind,/ but now I'm fine and I find that this has been the best night of my life…"

Ska has always been known for its upbeat and positive undertone and Streetlight embodies this ideal with their profound lyrical content and classic upstroke guitar riffs. "Failing, Flailing" is another solid song, but nothing particularly notable. One thing the band does well is take an overused phrase such as, "sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me/ and it's been years but still I fear that someday they'll desert me oh,/ it's hard, I know when it's time to stand alone and no one understands you," and make it sound fresh. Interestingly enough, the weakest (relevantly speaking) song is followed by arguably the lyrically strongest song on the album, "Here's to Life." This is also a personal favorite as Kalnoky goes through all the greatest thinkers, scholars, and artists including Albert Camus, Holden Caufield, Hemmingway, Salinger, Van Gogh and Cobain.

The most popular line amongst fans is usually cited as, "How did Camus really die that night?/ Were they right?/ When he died was it really his time? Or was it suicide?/ And Holden Caulfield is a friend of mine/ We go drinking from time to time and I find, it gets harder every time." A personal favorite line is, "Hemingway never seemed to mind the banality of a normal life and I find, it gets harder every time/ So he aimed the shotgun into the blue/ Placed his face in between the two and sighed, "Here's To Life!"

The songs "A Moment of Silence" and "A Moment of Violence" are actually very similar except that "A Moment of Silence" is much longer and slightly more uplifting. This song is directed towards the more downtrodden people in society and paints a much more human picture than society often does.

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Streetlight Manifesto.

Streetlight asks for, "a moment of silence please for those who never get the chance/ they show up to the party but they're never asked to dance/ the losers the liars the bastards the thieves the cynicists,/ the pessimists and those that don't believe in nothing" and concludes, "I never met a loser that I didn't see eye to eye with…"

"A Moment of Violence" does not offer anything particularly special, and the second half of the song is a verse in "A Moment of Silence," but has a different tone, which makes it enjoyable nonetheless. The tone is then taken in a very interesting path. The Song, "The Saddest Song" is actually the second most upbeat and catchy track on the album (the first being the opening song) and yet, as the lyrics suggest, it is the most despondent. This is a classic example of where artists can fuse sad lyrics with upbeat instrumentals and vice versa.

"Everything Went Numb" closes with yet another amazing tune, "The Big Sleep." Streetlight closes the album passionately, singing, "the last two soldiers on the battlefield,/ Survivors of the war,/ They aim at one another while their mothers beg the lord/ 'If you're listening, I'm missing him So somehow bring him home./ How did it come to this?' So the soldiers lift their rifles and they're aiming at the head/ They think of their first love before they take their final breaths/ And somewhere in the distance they hear something someone said... how did it come to this??" This is an absolutely elated ending to such a marvelous album. It is interesting that the word used to describe this song is "elated" considering this is very reflective and meaningful anti-war song.

Streetlight's last words for the album are simply a repetition of, "Na, na, na, na, na, na, na, na, na…" to show that they are trying to say something with so much passion but are not taking themselves too seriously and are just trying to have fun. That is what ska is all about. It's simply fun music. Streetlight Manifesto is arguably the spark that might start the fourth wave of ska. Their influence is tremendous and although all but two of the original streetlight members have left, Kalnoky's dedication to music and ska revival suggests that he is not done just quite yet...

Hamilton choir performs "Drood"

By Nonny Chizea '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Wellin Hall is where you'll be on Friday, February 3 at 8 p.m. for the opening of the Hamilton College Choir's annual musical "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," directed by G. Roberts Kolb. Written by Rupert Holmes, this play-within-a-play circles around the Music Hall Royale's production on an unfinished Charles Dickens mystery.

Principal characters are Nick Fesette '09 as Mr. John Jasper, Kristen Nielsen '06 as Edwin Drood, Winston Cook-Wilson '09 as the Chairman, Julianne Jaquith '08 as Miss Rosa Budd, David Sherman '09 as Neville, Peter Kopp '07 as Reverand Chrisparkle, Alison Nichols '06 as Helena, Tom Morris '06 as Durdles, and Heather Montana '08 as Bazzald.

Other speaking characters include, Chris Boveroux '08, Kim Craig'08, Dana Canelli '08, David Maroney '09, Ann Horowitz '06, Rachel Cannon '09, Oriana Barros '06, Elim Song '07, and Philip Hoyin '09.

Join us for this wonderful night of pink ties, opium dancers, murder and, most of all, audience participation, which determines the end of the musical. "The Goose [will be] cooked" on three nights: Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 5, 2006 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $7 for general admission, $5 for senior citizens and students, $3 for Hamilton College students. For more information the box office can be reached at extension 4331 from 1-4 p.m. on weekdays.

Hamilton professors showcase artwork in "Show Title Here"

By Tara E. Rosabal '06
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Take a break from the bleak grays of winter and visit the Emerson Gallery's colorful exhibition, "Show Title Here." The Gallery is located on the first floor of the Christian Johnson building and its hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Artists in the show include Professor of Art and Curator of the Hamilton Collects Program William Salzillo, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art Rebecca Murtaugh, Associate Professor of Art Ella Gant, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art Joy Powell, Professor of Art Bruce Muirhead, Lecturer in Art Barry Gerson and Lecturer in Art Sylvia de Swaan. Their work will be on view until April 15.

No matter what your taste, "Show Title Here" will be sure to please you. Muirhead's oil-on-canvas landscapes and portraits are strikingly different from Murtaugh's sculptural arrangement of colorful Post-it Notes™. The vibrant digital inkjet prints of Salzillo's Illuminations suite provide an interesting contrast to the "Postindustrial series" of photographs by de Swaan.

The most remarkable parts of the show are Powell's sculptures, "birds of a feather," "burial ground: for the birds" and "birds eye view, places i like to be kissed." My strongest reaction was to Powell's sculpture "bird's eye view, places i like to be kissed." What appears to be a white rectangular sculpture actually holds an intriguing work of art inside it. Five circular openings in the rectangle beckon the viewer to look into the box at the sculpture it conceals. Inside the box is a statue of a body dappled with tiny pink birds. Powell's sculpture engages the viewer; it invites you into an experience both physical and visual. You will think about this piece long after you have left the show.

Gant's performative installation, "Wisdom," is another work you must see; it is a life-size sculpture of a seated woman sits atop a yellow cushion in a meditative pose. A projector sits in front of her, illuminating her body with moving waves of light. Pools of white light ripple across her torso, constantly changing in speed and direction. Wisdom is an artwork that invites you in to take a longer look, and chances are you won't want to turn away.

"Show Title Here" is an impressive display of artistic genius and bold innovation. It's a refreshing alternative to sporting events and afternoon naps. Best of all, it finally allows the students to critique their professors.

Science & Technology

NASA climate change expert claims he was silenced by the Bush administration

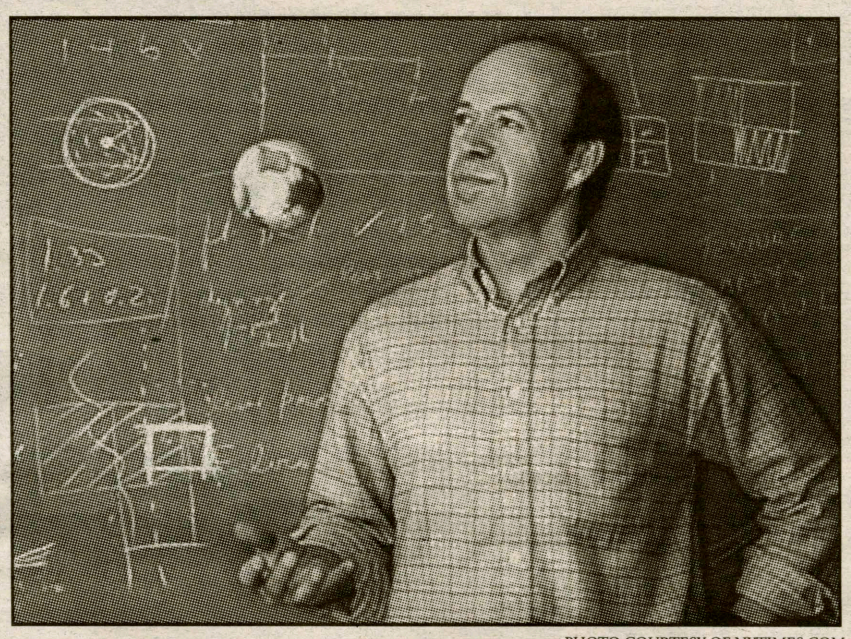
by Anne Schlesinger '06
Science & Technology Editor

This past week, Dr. James E. Hansen, the director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, claimed that the Bush administration has attempted to hinder him from speaking out on climate change, reported Andrew Revkin of the *New York Times*.

Dr. Hansen has been a physicist at NASA since 1967 and currently works on using computers to simulate global climate. He asserted that NASA officials had ordered the public affairs staff to review his lectures, publications and requests for interviews and maintained that he would ignore the censorship.

Dean Acosta, deputy assistant administrator for public affairs at NASA, stated that NASA promotes "openness and we speak the facts," reported Revkin. According to Mr. Acosta, any restrictions placed on Dr. Hansen apply to all government scientists. A policy shift within the last five years has required that interviews with scientists from the National Ocean and Atmospheric Association be approved by administration officials in Washington. If the interviews are approved then a public affairs officer must be present during session.

The trouble began after Dr. Hansen gave a lecture in December at the annual American Geophysical Union in San Francisco National Public Radio Science Correspondent Richard Harris reported that Dr. Henson concluded his speech by condemning "the special interests" that "seem to maintain short term profits with little regard to either the long-term impact on the planet that will be inherited by our children and grandchildren or the long-term economic well-being of our country." Since the lecture, he has received a series of phone calls directing him to temper his public statements. In addition to these phone calls, according to Mr. Harris, a reporter wishing to talk to Dr. Hensen about his speech was told instead to contact another official.



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Mr. Acosta stated that any phone calls were made in order to review current policy on extracurricular speaking and writing, reported The *New York Times*.

NASA argues that government scientists cannot make claims about policy, said Mr. Harris. A spokesman for Senator James M. Inhofe of Oklahoma, the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works stated further, "Dr. Hansen, once again, is using his government position to promote his own views and political agenda, which is a clear governmental procedure in any administration."

According to some of his colleagues, officals at NASA headquarters have indeed attempted to hinder Dr. Hansen from making public statements about global warming in interviews. Leslie McCarthy, a public affairs officer responsible for the Goddard Institute, told The *New York Times* that George Deutsch, recently appointed public affairs officer at NASA headquarters, refused an interview offer for Dr. Hansen from the producer of National Public Radio Ms. McCarthy stated that, during this phone call, Deutsch claimed he had to "make the president look good." Deutsch denies ever having made these comments.

Mr. Acosta claims he has no way of discerning the truth, although several of Dr. Hansen's colleagues concurred with Ms. McCarthy's statements, reported Revkin.

The administration has reportedly enacted fewer restrictions on the extracurricular publications of government scientists whose views on climate change support those of the administration. Revkin cites Indur M. Glokany, Assistant Director of Science and Technology Policy in the policy office of the Interior Department, who advocates not forcing decreases in greenhouse gases. According to Dr. Glokany, any added prosperity saved in not forcing a diminution could be used to harness potential benefits of global warming.

Some have criticized Dr. Hansen for drawing attention away from global warming, reported Revkin. Roger A. Pielke, the director of the Center for Science and Technology Policy Reseach at the University of Colorado stated, "Now the debate is all about whether Hansen should be able to speak or not." He added, "what we're not talking about is what we can actually do about climate change."

Astronomer Larry D. Travis, deputy to Dr. Hansen at Goddard, affirms, however, that Dr. Hansen "really feels very strongly that this is an obligation we have as federal scientists, to inform the public."

"CSI of the four-legged world": UC Davis lab uses domestic animal DNA to solve crimes

by Laura Trubiano '07
Science & Technology Editor

A 2001 sexual assault case in Iowa had come to a standstill when the victim could not identify the suspect. She did, however, remember one important detail: her dog had urinated on the suspect's truck during the attack. The dog's DNA matched perfectlyDNA found on the truck's tire, and once there was DNA connecting him to the crime scene, the suspect pled guilty.

Cases like this one have increased dramatically over the past few years. During the commission of a crime, transfer of DNA from hair, saliva, blood, urine or feces can occur from the victim's animal to the suspect or crime scene and from the suspect's animal to the victim or crime scene. The need to be able to correctly and efficiently analyze animal DNA in criminal cases led to the establishment of the forensics division of the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the University of California at Davis in 1999.

The forensics lab, referred to as "the CSI of the four-legged world" in a January 30 *TIME Magazine* article, was developed when the genetics lab, which specializes in verifying horses' lineages, was receiving more forensic requests than it could handle. "Police labs are only set up to do human work, and they were overwhelmed with that," said Beth Wictum, acting lab director in the *TIME* article. "If they had animal evidence, they would just set it aside."

Animal DNA can sometimes mean the difference between a conviction and an unsolved crime, and analyzing animal samples is often easier than extracting information from human samples. Most pets are compulsive groomers, and saliva covering fur makes it a far better source of DNA than human hair. Often, police have a main suspect, but can not make the clear connection between that person and the crime scene. DNA clues from pets can make the connection.

Two years ago, the lab offered its services free to the Tehama County Sheriff's Department to help in the Cody Fox case. The lab identified the pit bulls that, in September of 1998, had severely mauled the then-11-year-old, so the dogs' owner could be held accountable. In another case, the lab confirmed that dog blood discovered at a crime scene where a body had been found beaten and stabbed to death belonged to the dog of the prime suspect.

The Davis lab has the largest database of domesticated-animal DNA in the United States, including samples from 1.5 million horses, 25,000 dogs and several other species. Last year, the lab handled 60 criminal cases, but it also handles other kinds of requests. According to the lab's website (www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/forensics/index/html) there are three types of DNA evidence. The Animal as Witness is the type that links suspects to a crime scene. The Animal as Perpetrator refers to cases such as the Cody Fox cases, which involve the identification of an animal involved in an attack or an animal responsible for property damage. The third category is the Animal as Victim and refers to cases of animal abuse or the identification of a lost pet.

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The forensics division of the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the University of California at Davis handled 60 criminal cases last year involving DNA from animals at crime scenes.

"For many people, pets are part of the family," said Wictum. "You want an answer. You want justice." Often, this third category is the hardest for the scientists to work on. According to the *TIME* article, Wictum and her colleagues remember the names of animals that have been fatally abused and refer to the people who kill them as "serial killers."

The lab has been so successful in using DNA evidence from animals to connect suspects to a crime scene that they may end up actually getting less work. It is rare that an animal abuse case makes it to court. "Once you have the DNA analysis," said Wictum, "people end up pleading."

SUPER BOWL XL: Steelers vs. Seahawks

Can the vaunted Steeler defense stop Alexander; probable last game for Bettis

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Jerome Bettis is looking for his first Super Bowl title this Sunday in Super Bowl XL.

by Jack Prior '08
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The 2005-2006 National Football League season has been full of fantastic stories and constant dramatics. At the start of training camps, the media and national focus was directed towards the performances players were giving *off the field*. Philadelphia fans and the rest of the sports world will have difficulty forgetting the antics of Terrell Owens as he exerted more energy working out on his driveway in front of the press than under the watchful eye of Head Coach Andy Reid.

In addition, there was the Minnesota Vikings party boat fiasco, which ironically is the only time this season that Daunte Culpepper would consistently feel the gratification of scoring (abysmal 6 TD season, ended with a knee injury). Obviously the NFL faces an image problem when an example of fine team play and conduct is Randy Moss, who was a mere blip on the media radar this season.

However, while listeners and viewers became bored to tears with having individuals such as sports agent Drew Rosenhaus cloud the airwaves, word came out that there was, as hard as it was to believe, playoff football being played *on the field*.

In fact, the possible Super Bowl match ups a few weeks ago were quite interesting. From the "Manning Bowl" between the Indianapolis Colts (Peyton) and New York Giants (Eli) to the New England Patriots chasing a third straight championship, it appeared that February fifth would bring great stories.

Fast forward weeks later, the Mannings, Tom Brady, Chad Johnson, Steve Smith, Brian Urlacher and company are all sitting at home wondering what could have been. When the dust cleared, the only teams left standing were the Pittsburgh Steelers and Seattle Seahawks; not exactly a journalist or fan's dream. However, upon further review there is some substance to this match up.

First of all, how often does the number one seeded team of one conference play the role of underdog versus the number six seeded playoff team of the opposing conference? Since recovering from a season opening loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Seahawks have been 15-2. The only two losses have come in overtime against Washington in week four, and in the last week of the regular season, where star players rested rather than play against Brett Favre's Green Bay Packers.

The Seahawks even enjoyed an 11-game winning streak during the regular season. Clearly this team was not merely a regular season fluke as they quickly ended the seasons of both the Washington Redskins and Carolina Panthers in the divisional and conference playoffs respectively.

Yet, somehow a team led by Pro-Bowlers such as quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and record-breaking running back Shaun Alexander (just two of the five Seahawks voted to go to Hawaii) are four point underdogs.

Meanwhile, the Super Bowl favorite is a squad whose record was 7-5 at the time in which the Seahawks were in the midst of dominating the NFC. The Pittsburgh Steelers were in serious danger of not even having a winning record, let alone making the playoffs.

However, after a tough 31-28 loss to division rival Cincinnati Bengals in Week 13, the Steelers have since become a 7-0 juggernaut, knocking off the top three seeded teams in the powerful AFC and arriving with great noise and hype at this year's Super Bowl.

So if both teams are entering the Super Bowl strong, what separates the squads? There are many legitimate reasons why the smart money is being put towards a Pittsburgh Steelers victory.

First of all, the Steelers are representing an obviously stronger division and conference. Pittsburgh not only played six regular season games against playoff teams, but also was in the same division as the high-powered Cincinnati Bengals. Meanwhile, the Seattle Seahawks only played four regular season games against playoff teams and enjoyed the luxury of being in a division with the lowly Arizona Cardinals, San Francisco 49ers and turnover-happy St. Louis Rams.

In addition, the Steelers are not only battle-tested, but they will also have the crowd on their side. Detroit is the home of Steeler running back Jerome Bettis who was recently given the key to the city.

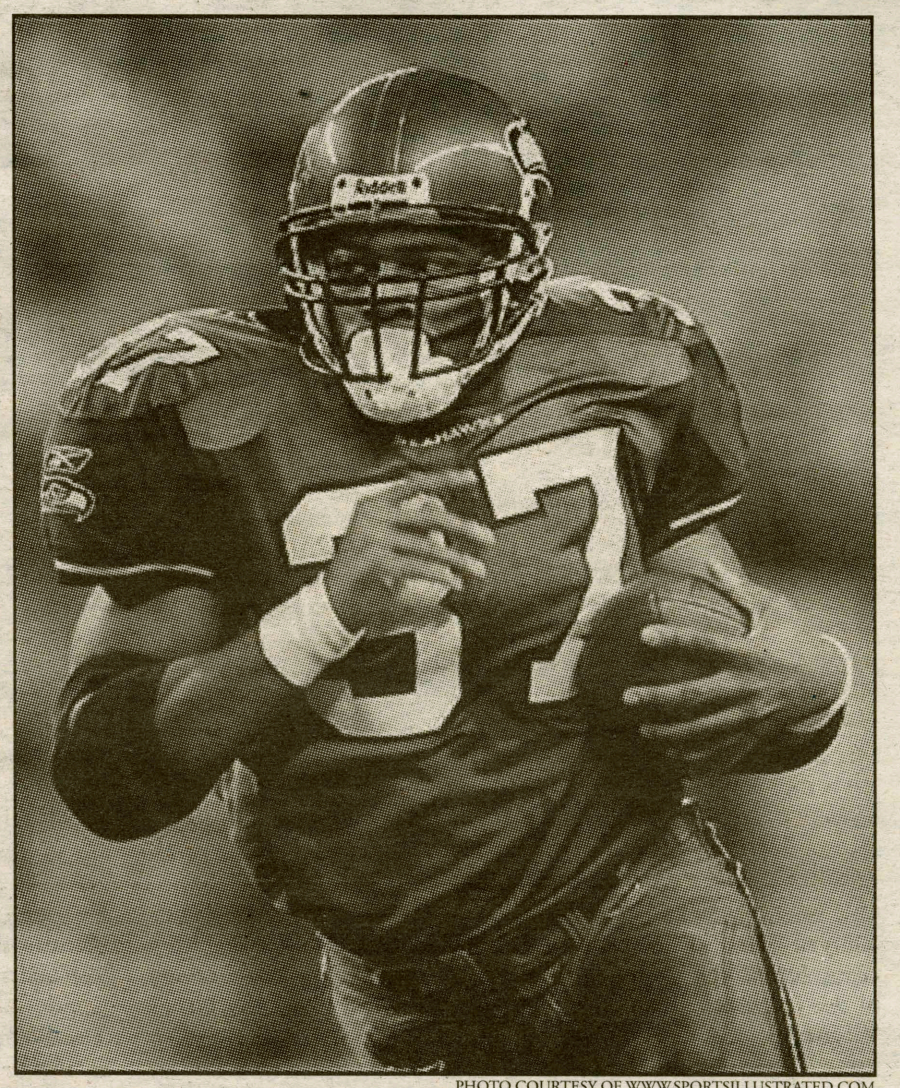
Meanwhile, the Seahawks' last victory away from Seattle came on December 18 and the city of Seattle is known for its weather rather than its fanatical fans. So don't be too surprised to see black and gold jerseys and the "terrible towels" out in full force come Super Bowl Sunday. However, when it is all said and done, the number of fans present, a team's previous win total and opponents' record take a back seat to the gridiron battles.

Offensively, the teams are almost mirror images of each other. The Seahawks averaged 209 passing yards, 154.3 rushing yards and scored 27 points a game this season. Meanwhile, the Steelers averaged 217.7 passing yards, 115.3 rushing yards and scored 28.7 points per game this season.

Both squads are known for their fantastic and consistent running games. The Seahawks have touchdown machine Shaun Alexander who runs behind the punishing blocking of pro-bowl offensive lineman Walter Jones, and fullback Mack Strong (best name, period). Meanwhile the Steelers spend most of their running game utilizing the speed of "Fast Willie" Parker and then hopping on Jerome "the Bus" Bettis and traveling into the end zone.

However, I believe that this Super Bowl will come down to the passing game. Both the Seahawks and Steelers can stop the run far easier than they can stop the pass. Inevitably, Matt Hasselbeck and Ben Roethlisberger will have to throw, and inevitably a mistake will be made. We may have another Neil O'Donnell-esque Super Bowl in which poor passing decisions create negative points and a running-reliant squad will be unable to muster the offensive power to respond.

Overall, I look to Roethlisberger to continue his clutch play (unforgettable game-saving tackle against the Colts), while Hasselbeck responds poorly to the punishing Pittsburgh defense led by Joey Porter and James Farrior. The Steelers will win with authority during a Super Bowl that has some promise but also is in danger of being boring enough that even Seattle fans will rush to the nearest Starbucks to get coffee just to stay awake for the second half.



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Shaun Alexander won the NFL rushing title this year. This weekend he will try to run over a physical Steeler defense.

Men's hockey red-hot; winners in five of last six

by TJ Reynolds '07
SPORTS WRITER

The Men's Hockey team started a three game winning streak with an impressive 7-4 win against Tufts on Friday night in Sage rink. The next day they achieved another big victory in NESCAC play, disposing of Connecticut College 4-1. Tuesday night's 5-1 win over SUNY Cortland extended their winning streak and was Hamilton's fifth win in their last six games. The Continentals remain focused though, knowing they have another big NESCAC weekend as they head to Maine to take on the Colby Mules and the Bowdoin Polar Bears.

Tufts looked strong coming into Friday night's game with a 7-1-1 record in their last nine games. However, at the end of the first period the Continentals had a 24-6 shot advantage and led the game 3-1. Travis Blood '09 scored his second goal of the season with seven minutes left in the first period and senior captain Gus Katsuras scored a short-handed goal just a minute later. The Jumbos scored shortly afterward on a power play goal but the Continentals answered when Andrew Decristoforo '08 added his eighth goal of the season with a little under a minute left in the period. Tufts scored another power play goal early in the second period. Erik Kalio '06 scored what would be his first of two goals in the game to increase the Continental lead to 4-2. Juniors Jim Nolan and John Gordon were credited with assists on the goal. This was Gordon's first game back after missing the past five due to injury.

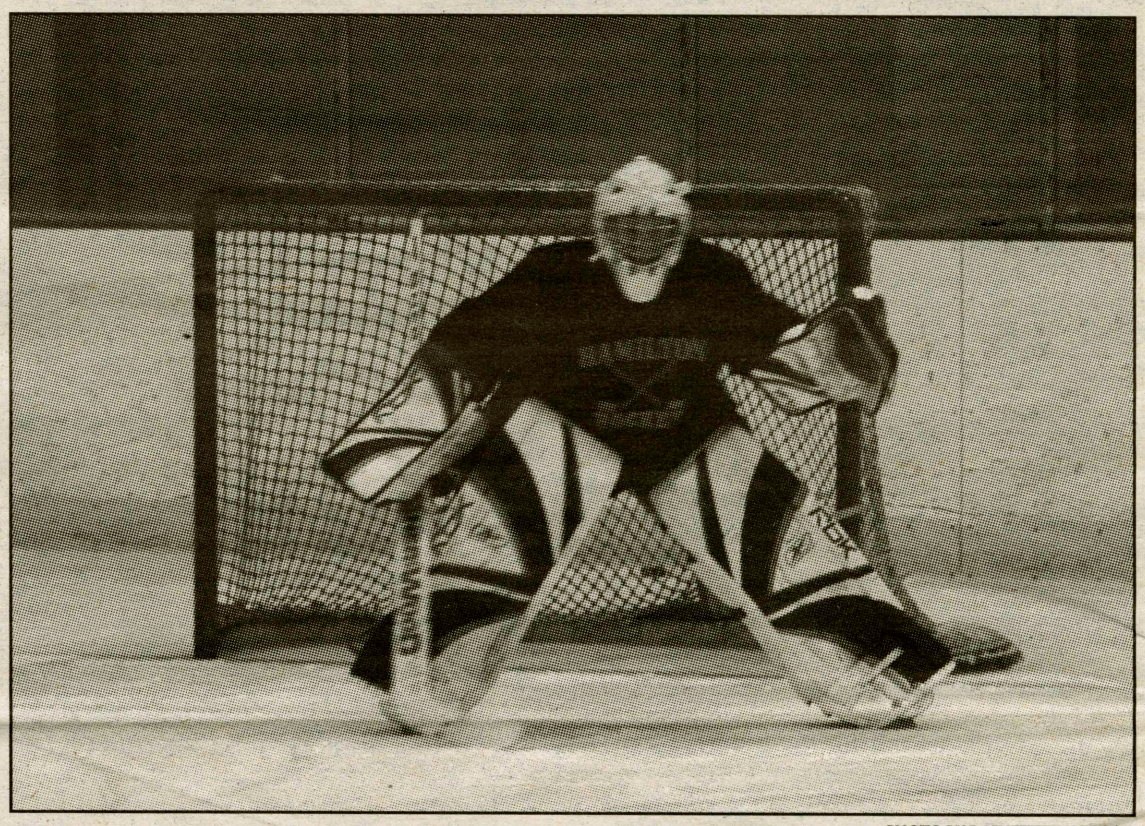
However, Tufts threatened by scoring two goals in the first nine minutes of the third period. Shortly after the Jumbos tied the score, Casey Deak '07 put in what would turn out to be the game winning goal. Jeff Vatour '06 added a tally for the 50th point of his career and Kalio scored his second of the night on an empty net to ensure the win.

The next afternoon the Continentals hosted the Camels of Connecticut College who came into the game with only one conference win this season. The first period ended with both teams holding each other scoreless. Connecticut College was first to get on the board, scoring in the first minute of the second period. Jim Nolan '07 scored at the 5:41 mark to tie the game. Halfway through the second period, John Gordon '07 scored his fourth goal of the season and gave the Continentals a lead they would not surrender. Deak, who assisted on Gordon's goal, scored on a power play with only a minute gone in the final period. The goal was Deak's fifth of the season as well as his fifth point of the weekend. Jake Davis '09 plotted an empty net goal to cement the victory. Goalie Gabe Tash '06 was credited with a combined forty saves in the two games, and improved his record to 7-5-1 on the season.

Tuesday night the Continentals traveled to SUNY Cortland for a non-conference game against the Red Dragons. Warren Berkstresser '06 struck first on the power play, four minutes into the game, to give the Continentals an early lead. Katsuras scored his 12th goal of the season at the seven minute mark to give the Continentals the lead for good. Katsuras is tied for the league lead with 28 points on the season. Cortland scored on a power play goal midway through the first period to put the Red Dragons on the board.

However, sophomore Matt Mesi answered with the Continental's third short handed goal of the season to make the lead 4-1 going into the second period. The only other goal of the game was scored with five minutes left in the second period by Jeff Vatour '06. Seniors Warren Berkstresser, Jeff Vatour, and freshman Kevin Osborne each had a goal and an assist in the win over Cortland. Much credit goes to Matt Crowson '09 who saved 30 of 31 shots and improved his record to 3-2-0 on the season.

The Continentals, who have won five of their last six games while outscoring their opponents 26-13 in the process, seem to be playing their best hockey of the season as they head into their final six games of the year. The team has momentum going into this weekend's games against Colby and Bowdoin and victories this weekend would seriously help their chances of a home playoff game.



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Beat the Experts

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Season Record:	**13-9**	**4-6**	**13-9**	**8-14**	
NFL Playoffs "Super Bowl"					
Pittsburgh vs. Seattle	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Seattle	Seattle	Pittsburgh
Men's NCAA Basketball					
LSU @ Alabama, 2/4	LSU	LSU	Alabama	LSU	LSU
Wake Forest @ Virginia, 2/4	Wake	Wake	Wake	Virginia	Virginia
Clemson @ UNC, 2/4	UNC	Clemson	UNC	Clemson	UNC
#23 Maryland @ #17 NC St., 2/5	NC St.	Maryland	Maryland	NC St.	Maryland
Kansas @ Nebraska, 2/8	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Nebraska	Kansas
NBA					
Philadelphia @ Cleveland, 2/4	Cleveland	Cleveland	Philly	Philly	Philly
LA Lakers @ Dallas, 2/7	Dallas	Lakers	Dallas	Lakers	Dallas
NY Knicks @ New Jersey, 2/8	Nets	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Nets
LA Clippers @ Detroit, 2/8	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	LA	Detroit
NHL					
Detroit @ Colorado, 2/4	Detroit	Detroit	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
Ottawa @ Buffalo, 2/4	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Ottawa
Anaheim @ San Jose, 2/4	San Jose	Anaheim	San José	San Jose	San Jose
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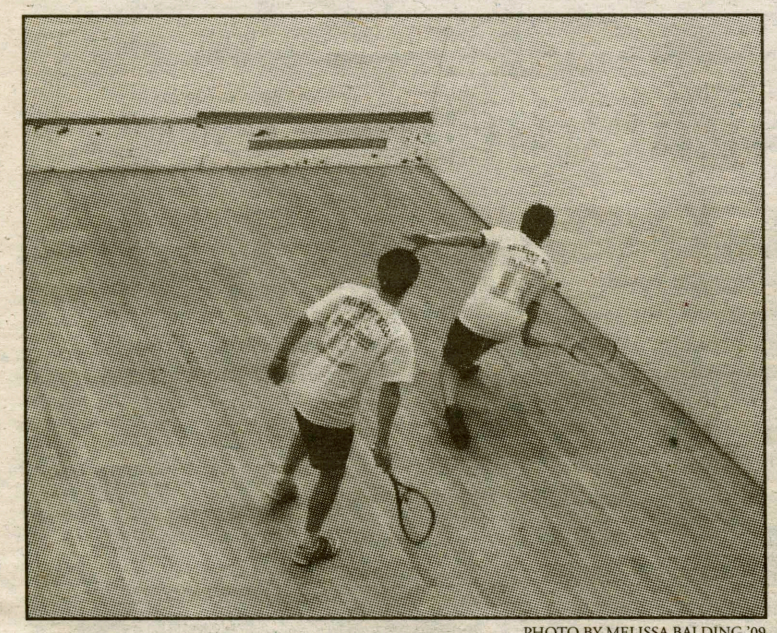
Squash logs serious miles while new courts are built



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by Reid Birkett '09
SPORTS WRITER

On their first weekend of the spring semester back atop the hill, the Hamilton men's squash team traveled to New Haven, Connecticut to compete in the Yale University Round Robin. As they began to warm-up in Yale's Payne Whitney Gymnasium for Friday's match against the Mules of Colby College, there was something noticeably different about the faces of a few members of the team. Among them, senior team member Rick Mayfield was quoted regarding the team's recent moustache craze: "Ben Bradford started to grow one [a mustache] out in California and it looked so sleazy we all wanted one." When asked why the team decided to grow mustaches, freshman Rick Munschauer replied, "I guess my question for you is, 'why not?'"

On the actual courts, the Yale tourney provided some impressive individual accomplishments. Although the Continentals were defeated in their first match of the tournament by Colby (nationally ranked 16th by the College Squash Association) three Hamilton players were victorious at positions one, two and six.

Playing at the one position, junior Anthony Bardaro won his match in three straight games with scores of, 9-2, 9-6, and 9-3. Freshman John Dewitt, also known on the team as "Dewey," won his fourth match of the season playing at the two spot. "Dewey" handled his opponent easily, winning by scores of, 9-0, 9-7 and 9-0. Senior Chad Carta won his third straight match from position six during the first evening of play, winning in three successive games, 9-0, 9-4, and 9-7.

The next day, the Continentals began their second day of competition in the Yale round robin with a match against Bowdoin College. Carta continued his winning ways on Saturday when he earned his fourth consecutive win and improved his season record to 6-3. Carta won the match in four games, 10-8, 4-9, 9-6, and 9-4.

The Continentals arrived back to campus late Sunday evening anxiously anticipating a difficult week of practice. They prepared aggressively for their next two matches scheduled to take place in Pennsylvania. The first stop on their one-night Pennsylvania road-trip was at the Douglas B. Gardner Integrated Athletic Center where they squared off against the Ford's of Haverford College.

The next stop of the two-day road trip brought the Hamilton team to their final destination in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. There they met the 11th ranked Diplomats of Franklin & Marshall on the school's newly constructed ASB international squash courts, considered to be some of the best college courts currently out there.

Unfortunately for the Continentals, they were unable to salvage any wins against a talented Diplomat team and dropped the match 9-0. It may be interesting to note that the ASB courts at F & M are the same courts Hamilton is currently constructing for the new fitness center.

This weekend the team will travel to Vassar where they will play Penn State and Wesleyan on Saturday. Rumor has it that many team members have also lost their moustaches, so perhaps the change will bring about victory for the Conts this weekend.

Women's hockey dropped by Amherst

by John Cloonan '07
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend left a bittersweet taste with the Hamilton women's hockey team. After riding high past Connecticut College and extending their streak to four straight victories, the team was cooled off by Amherst College. The Continentals are currently tied for fifth in the NESCAC with the Lord Jeffs, who have won in their last two meetings. Both games, however, have been extremely tight, the first of which ended in overtime.

When the final buzzer rang on Saturday, the scoreboard denied justice to the women who exerted phenomenal effort all weekend. The true example of this hockey team was displayed on Friday night. The work that produced a 3-0 shutout continued into the beginning of Saturday's game, giving the women an early 2-0 lead. Yet two goals in the second and one in the third allowed Amherst to escape with the victory. This is only a setback in the eyes of the Lady Conts who have their eyes on an attainable league championship.

From the moment the women took the ice in New London, Connecticut, everyone knew they meant business. And it was business that the Connecticut College Camels received. Kathryn Kroleski '09 scored two goals, and Stephanie Ryder '09 added another for the Continentals en route to a dominating 3-0 shutout. Caitlyn Connelly '07 recorded her fifth career shutout by blanking the Camels, who only registered 11 total shots. The small shot count can be accredited to the superior defending skills of the Conts. The women passed with precision as well, tallying up assists all night. Jane Bradley '06, Jodi Raymond '09, Kate Marek '09 and Jess Goldberg '08 all recorded assists on the trio of goals.

The strong play and effort continued right on into Saturday as the Continentals jumped to an early lead against Amherst. Kroleski recorded her third goal in two games and Jane Bradley '06 tallied another to push Hamilton ahead.

However, the rest of the game was all Amherst. The Lady Conts fought hard, but two tough shots in the second, and a 5 on 3 advantage in the third, allowed three unanswered goals. Hamilton came extremely close to tying the game by pulling their goalie with a minute left; however their abundant determination and persistence was not rewarded. The Conts outshot the Lord Jeffs 41 to 27, but were 0-4 on the power play.

Though this conference loss is a tough setback for the team, it is definitely not going to keep them down. The Lady Conts have a conference championship in mind, and that is what will motivate them to obtain success.

Tonight brings a talented Bowdoin Polar Bear team to Sage Rink. A nationally ranked squad and a conference rival, the women will have their hands full with Bowdoin. The puck drops tonight at 7 p.m.; come support the team in Sage Rink.

Return of Athlete of the Week!
This Week: Kyle Graham '06

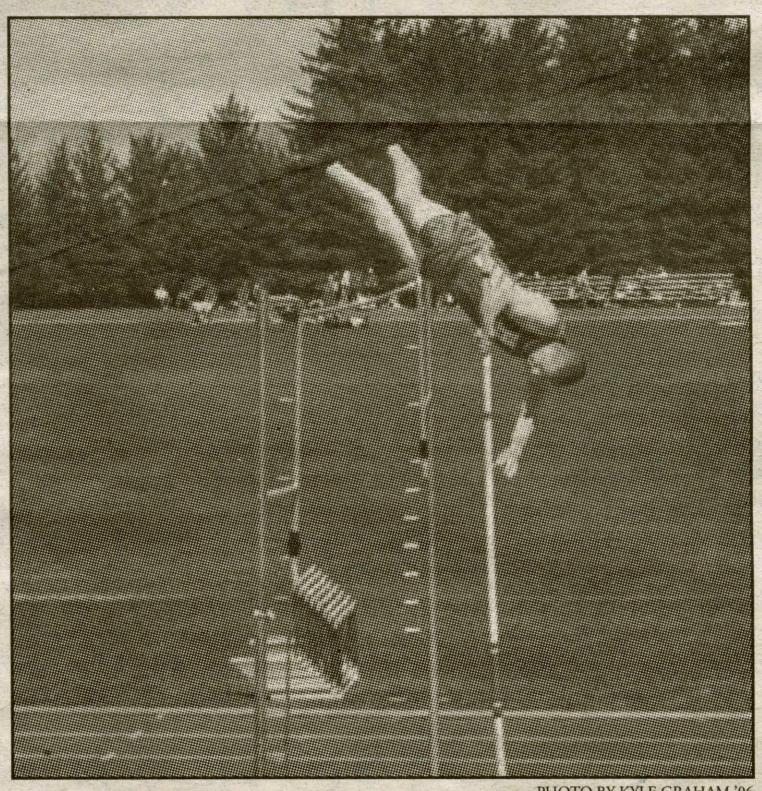

PHOTO BY KYLE GRAHAM '06

Full name: Kyle Edward Graham

Birthday: December 5, 1983

High school/Hometown: Camden High / Camden, NY

Concentration: Economics

Political Views: Conservative

Relationship Status: Ashlyn Field '05

Location on Campus: Griffin Road

Sport & Position/Events: Pole Vault

Post-Graduate plans?: Work in College Admissions.

Greatest Highschool Sports Memory/Achievement: Winning the section 3 championship and advancing to states in the pole vault.

Greatest College Sports Memory/Achievement: Progressing from vaulting 12'6" freshman year to where I am now. Benching 350.

Any school records/League Accolades/Awards?: Indoor school record 4.55 meters, outdoor school record 4.27 meters, All-NESCAC, ALL-ECAC, ALL-State.

Please describe yourself in 3 words: Not much hair.

Favorite Professor: John Adams

Favorite Celebrity: Jon Fishman

Favorite Movie(s): "Without Limits," "Rudy"

Favorite Book(s): "The Right Nation," "What's So Great About America?," "Illiberal Education"

Favorite Music: Phish

On-Campus Jobs: Admissions Intern

Fondest Hamilton Memory: "Freshman year in North; time spent on campus over the summer giving tours and interning in the admissions office."

Best party you've been to at Hamilton: "My status as one of maybe five kids on campus who don't drink makes me a crucial fixture at nearly every party. Favorite? Carnegie 207 parties with Stu Volks and crew."

Best Class: Macroeconomic theory with Ann Owen; she's legit.

Last Movie you saw in Theaters: "As a conservative, I'm sad to say, 'Brokeback Mountain.'"

Steelers or Seahawks?: "I don't watch sports on TV except track or cycling, which are rarely on. I watch The History Channel, Fox News and MSNBC."

Elliptical or Treadmill?: "I have very little respect for ellipticals."

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Men's hoops #1 in Liberty League; beats Hobart

by Jack Maloney '07
SPORTS WRITER

Another very successful week is in the books for the Hamilton College men's basketball team. In a three-game stretch in which all opponents were Liberty League adversaries, the Continentals failed to falter and finished up 3-0. This streak has propelled the team to the top spot in the standings where they hope to remain for the duration of the season.

The two-game weekend began Friday night against Clarkson. The Golden Knights came in with a weaker record but had shown the ability to stay in games with teams that clearly overmatched them. Hamilton had no intentions of ever letting this game stay close. They effectively did this by jumping out to an early 10-0 lead and never looking back.

Phil Valenti '06 kept up his high offensive numbers by scoring a game-high 14 points including an impressive 11 in the first half. Nick Jones '07 ended the night with a solid 13 points. Mr. Hustle himself, Staunton Peck '06, was at it again grabbing 11 rebounds, making it 22 in two games. Other notable performances were turned in by Tim Welchons '06 and big man Giorgi Chavleishvili '08. Welchons had a game-high five assists while Chavleishvili dropped in nine points. With a final score of 70-57, the game proved to be just a warm-up for the current Liberty League leader, St. Lawrence, who was set to come to Hamilton the following afternoon.

As the first and second place teams in the league got ready to face-off, the Continentals knew they were going to have to play forty solid minutes of basketball if they wanted to end the day on top of the Liberty League. With this large task in front of them, they were able to execute their style of play and upend the league leader, 87-76.

Many players chipped in including five that reached double digits. Once again Valenti led the team in scoring, finishing with 14. This marked 10 of his last 11 games in which he has broke the double-digit mark. He also elevated his game on the defensive side, finishing with a game-high five steals. Peck dropped in season-high 13 points, and added three steals and four assists for good measure.

Chavleishvili and Welchons each had strong performances ending with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Jones had yet another impressive game scoring 10 while grabbing 9 boards.

It took help from everyone but with an 87-76 score, the Continentals had sole possession of first place. For the remainder of the season they need to hold on to the top of the standings and defend off all opponents. This task began Tuesday night in Geneva, New York when Hamilton took on Hobart.

The Continentals have suffered one Liberty League defeat this season and it came at the hands of the Hobart Statesmen. This was another hard fought game, but this time Hamilton was able to edge out a victory with a 66-63 win. Peck continued to have the hot hand as he finished with 14 points. Chavleishvili was also good for 14 coming off the bench. Valenti finished with eight points, five rebounds and three steals. He now has 59 steals on the season which is good enough for tops in the Liberty League.

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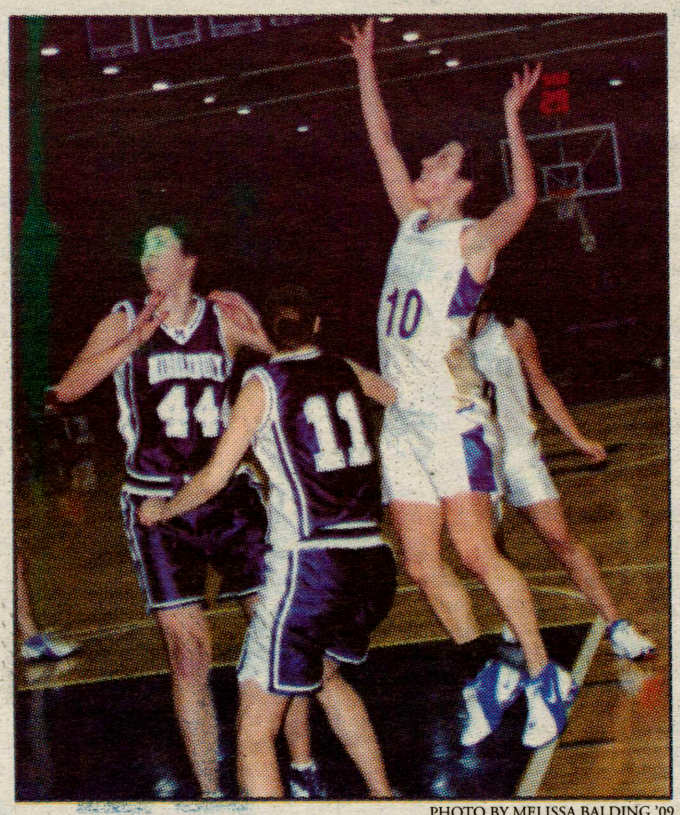
The best showing of the night, however, must go to Tsakane Ngobeni '07. Ngobeni recorded his first double-double of the season. He reached this with 13 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Although the game might not have been pretty, it was still a victory.

The team is going to have to find ways to win like they did against Hobart if they want to stay in first. "If we can continue to run our offense and play good solid defense we should be in pretty good shape for the rest of the season," said Peck on what the team needs to do in order to finish up the season on top.

This is another home weekend for the Continentals starting tonight at 8 p.m. against Skidmore. They then take on Union at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Scott Field House. It is the seniors last scheduled home game.

The Hamilton College campus should certainly come out to support the seniors who have completely devoted themselves to their teammates and coaches for their entire careers.



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Women's bball plays Midd tough

by Eileen Starrett '07
SPORTS EDITOR

Last weekend, the women's basketball team split their games versus Clarkson and St. Lawrence. Against Clarkson, Sydney Fasulo '09 scored 14 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Jessie Pisegna '06 had nine points and had eight rebounds. Crystal Simonds '08 contributed eight points off of the bench. Madelyn McGuinnis '09 had an unbelievable three blocks. At the half, it was 25-23 in Clarkson's favor. However, the Continentals had excellent second half shooting. It was a great league win for the team.

Versus St. Lawrence, unfortunately, the team didn't fare as well. Hamilton lost 70-51 despite shooting 50 percent from the three-point-range in the second half. Fasulo stepped up with 17 points and five rebounds. Pumla Sathula '08 contributed seven points and eight rebounds. Erin Daugherty '06, co-captain, had six rebounds and five points. Jess Barrows '08 had six points and two rebounds of her own. Pisegna had seven solid rebounds and five points. St. Lawrence is doing very well in Liberty League play and Hamilton put up quite a defensive fight.

To finish out the month, the team played Middlebury but unfortunately ended up losing 61-51. Sathula had a huge game with 13 points and eight rebounds, aided by Fasulo who contributed seven rebounds and seven points. Laura Wetmore '09 had nine points and three rebounds and Daugherty had five points and four rebounds of her own. At the half, Hamilton led the NESCAC powerhouse by one point.

However, in the second half, Hamilton only shot 32.3 percent from the field versus Middlebury's 46.4 percent. Middlebury was 12-6 going into the game with strong wins in the NESCAC over Connecticut College and Tufts. They also had close games versus Williams and Wesleyan.

The team looks forward to hosting two league games this weekend versus Skidmore and Union. Both games are home, Skidmore at 6 p.m. Friday night and Union at 2 p.m., Saturday afternoon. These are the last two home games before the team goes on the road to play five league games against league rivals.

Come support the Lady Continentals in their last two home games of the season.